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SHONEN JUMP GRAPHIC NOVEL

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PRODUCTION REPORT NO. 1: HEALTH PROBLEMS. THERE HAVE BEEN THREE OR FOUR CRISES SO FAR. THE WORST WAS LOWER BACK PAIN THAT BOTHERED ME FOR SIX MONTHS STARTING IN JANUARY '91. WHEN IT GOT BAD, I COULDN'T EVEN SIT AT MY DESK, AND I HAD TO DRAW LYING IN BED. MORE RECENTLY, I GOT THE FLU WHILE WORKING ON THE COLOR EPISODE WHERE WE ANNOUNCED THE POPULARITY CONTEST RESULTS (IN VOL. 7). I WAS SO DIZZY AND NAUSEOUS, AND I PRACTICALLY DID THE EPISODE ON AUTOPILOT. RIGHT NOW, I SEEM PHYSICALLY HEALTHY, BUT MY BRAIN STILL SUFFERS FROM CHRONIC INSANITY.

—YOSHIHIRO TOGASHI, 1991

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The Dark Tournament

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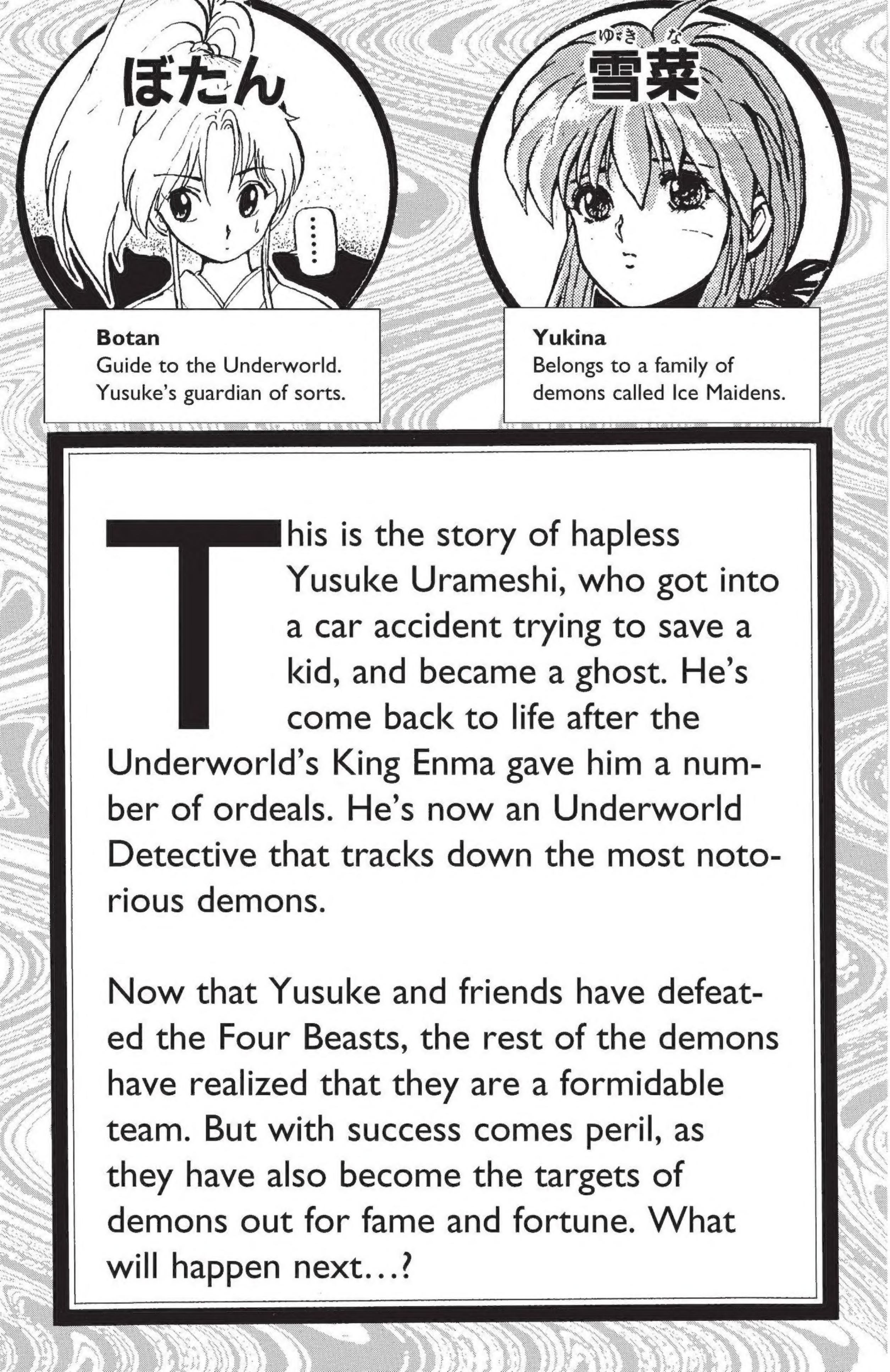

Botan
Guide to the Underworld.
Yusuke's guardian of sorts.

Yukina
Belongs to a family of
demons called Ice Maidens.

This is the story of hapless Yusuke Urameshi, who got into a car accident trying to save a kid, and became a ghost. He's come back to life after the Underworld's King Enma gave him a number of ordeals. He's now an Underworld Detective that tracks down the most notorious demons.

Now that Yusuke and friends have defeated the Four Beasts, the rest of the demons have realized that they are a formidable team. But with success comes peril, as they have also become the targets of demons out for fame and fortune. What will happen next…?

THE STORY SO FAR:
うらめしあつこ
浦飯温子
Atsuko Urameshi
Yusuke's mother. Only 29 years old (still young!).
うらめしゆうすけ
浦飯幽助
Yusuke Urameshi
The protagonist. Eighth grade in Sarayashiki Public Jr. High. Used to be a delinquent to the core.
ゆきむらけいこ
雪村螢子
Keiko Yukimura
Yusuke's childhood friend. As you can see, she's quite cute.
くわばら
桑原
Kuwabara
Yusuke's eternal rival. Has a strong sixth sense that belies his [ugly] face.

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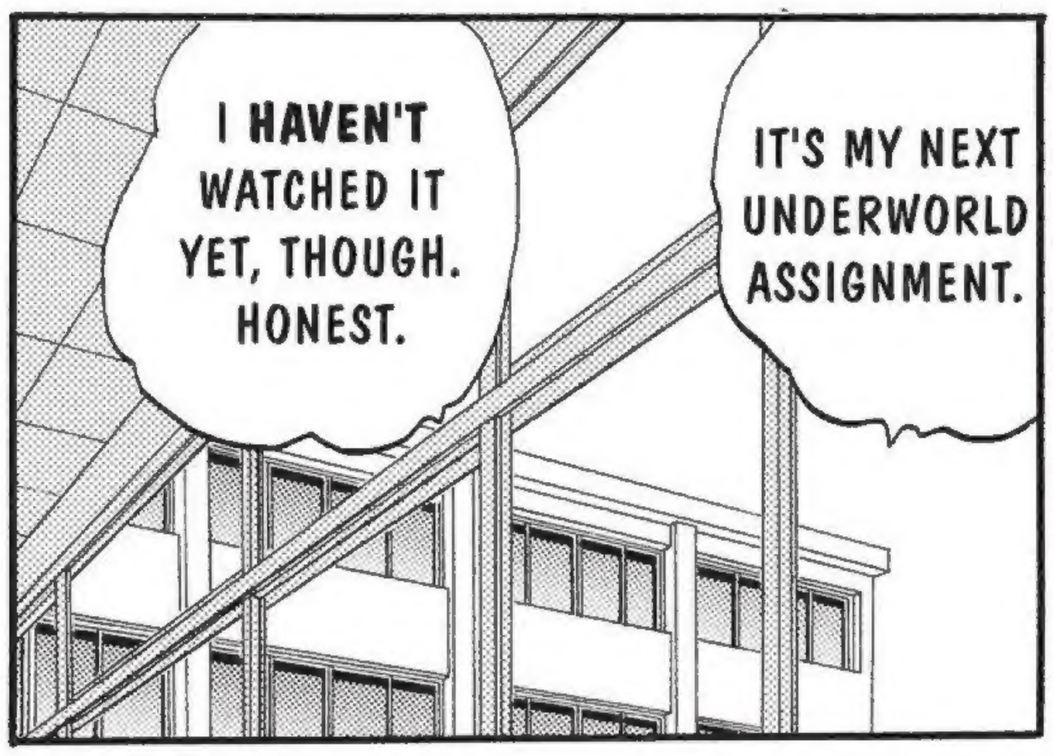
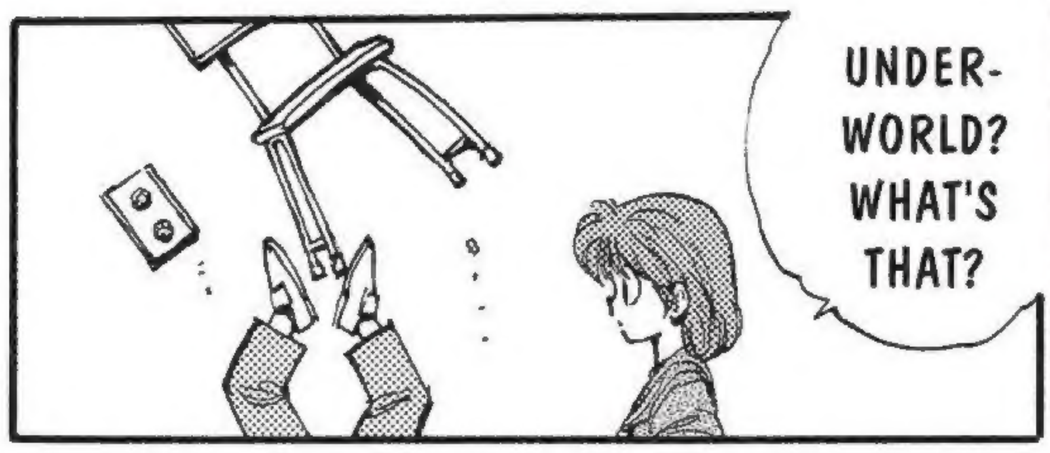
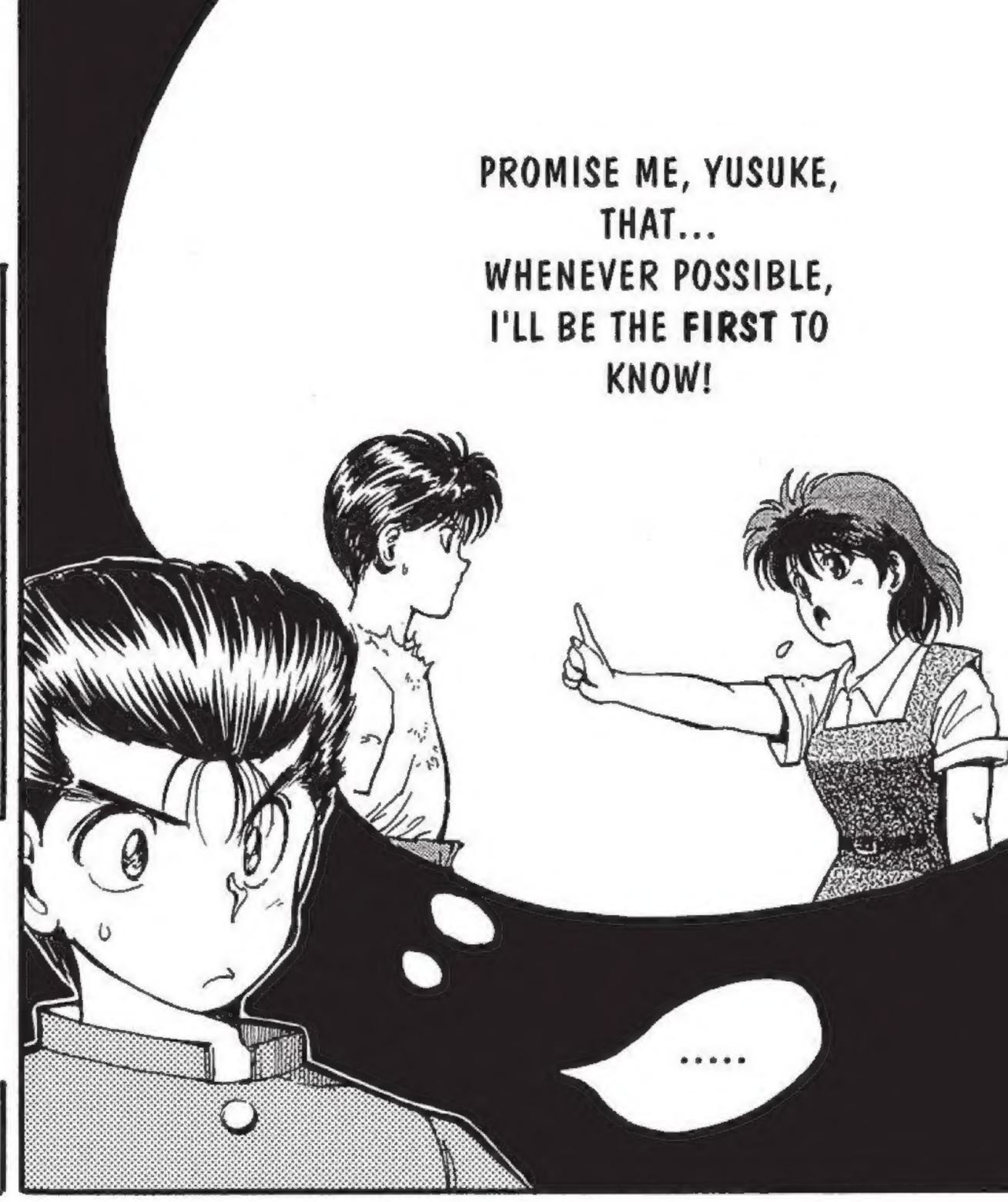
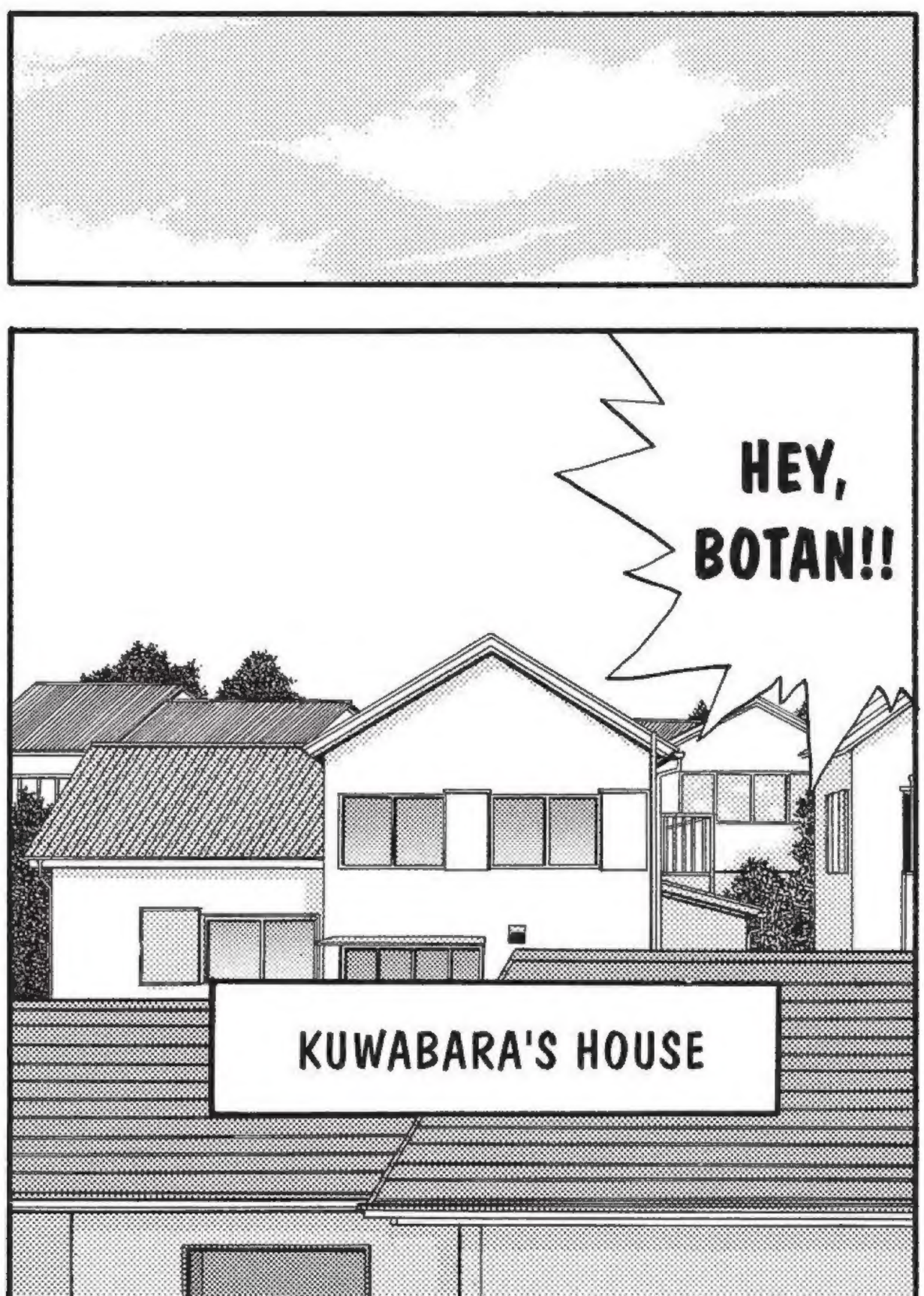
SPRINGTIME FOR KUWABARA!!


I HAVEN'T WATCHED IT YET, THOUGH. HONEST.
IT'S MY NEXT UNDERWORLD ASSIGNMENT.


UNDER-WORLD? WHAT'S THAT?


PROMISE ME, YUSUKE, THAT... WHENEVER POSSIBLE, I'LL BE THE FIRST TO KNOW!
.....

RIGHT.
...BOTAN TOLD YOU ALL ABOUT IT!
I... I THOUGHT...


HEY, BOTAN!!
KUWABARA'S HOUSE

OH, I SEE. "UNDERWORLD" IS THE NAME OF HIS AGENCY!
SHE SAID YOU'RE WORKING FOR A PRIVATE DETECTIVE.
MASTER OF DECEPTION!

NOW, NOW...

WHAT'S ALL THIS GARBAGE?!

YUSUKE'S DECIDED TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT HIS CAREER OPTIONS, SO HE'S TAKEN A JOB AS A DETECTIVE'S ASSISTANT. HE WAS INVESTIGATING A DRUG RING WHEN A DESERTER TOOK REFUGE IN THE SCHOOL. THE RINGLEADERS SENT AN ASSASSIN TRAINED IN HYPNOTISM, AND HE HYPNOTIZED THE TEACHERS TO ACT LIKE A MOVIE ZOMBIE MOB AS A DISTRACTION WHILE HE DEALT WITH THE DESERTER. THE TEACHERS, LEFT UNGUIDED, GOT A LITTLE OUT OF HAND UNTIL THE HYPNOTIC EFFECTS WORE OFF.

BOTAN'S CAT FACE. QUITE DISTRACTING.

IT'S **TOO DANGEROUS** FOR KEIKO TO KNOW OF THE UNDERWORLD.

HMM... CAN'T ARGUE THAT.

THIS IS THE "EXPLANATION" I MANAGED TO COOK UP, AND SHE SEEMED TO BUY IT. NOT BAD, EH?

FOR LAME IMPROV COMEDY, MAYBE.

...I WAS TRYING TO EXPLAIN STUFF TO KEIKO WITHOUT GIVING TOO MUCH AWAY.

THE FACTS ABOUT YOUR JOB ARE **TOP SECRET.**

AS YOU KNOW, WE MUST BE **DISCREET!**

CLICK

WHAT-EVER.

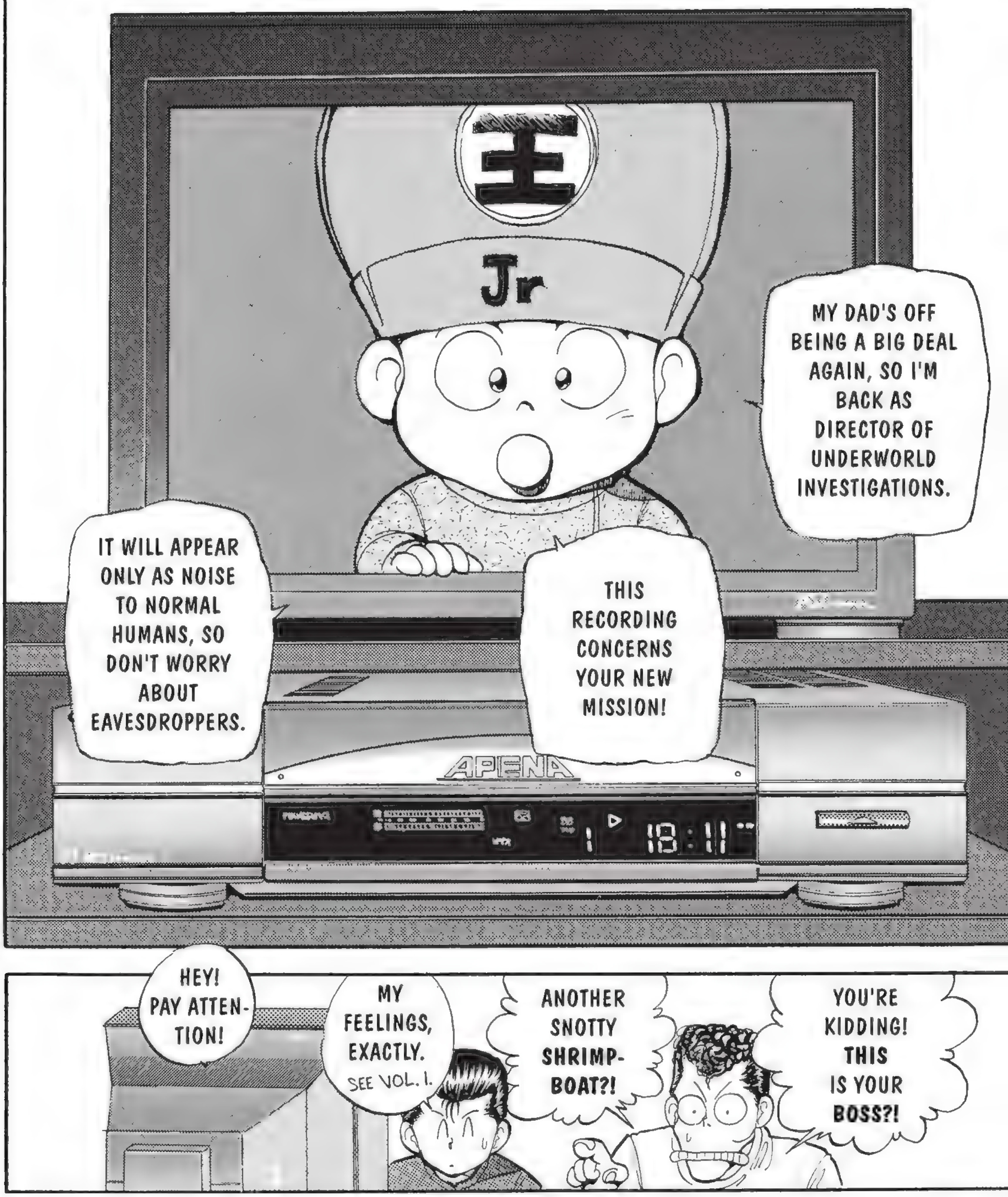
I'M **ACHIN'** TO KNOW WHAT'S **ON** IT.

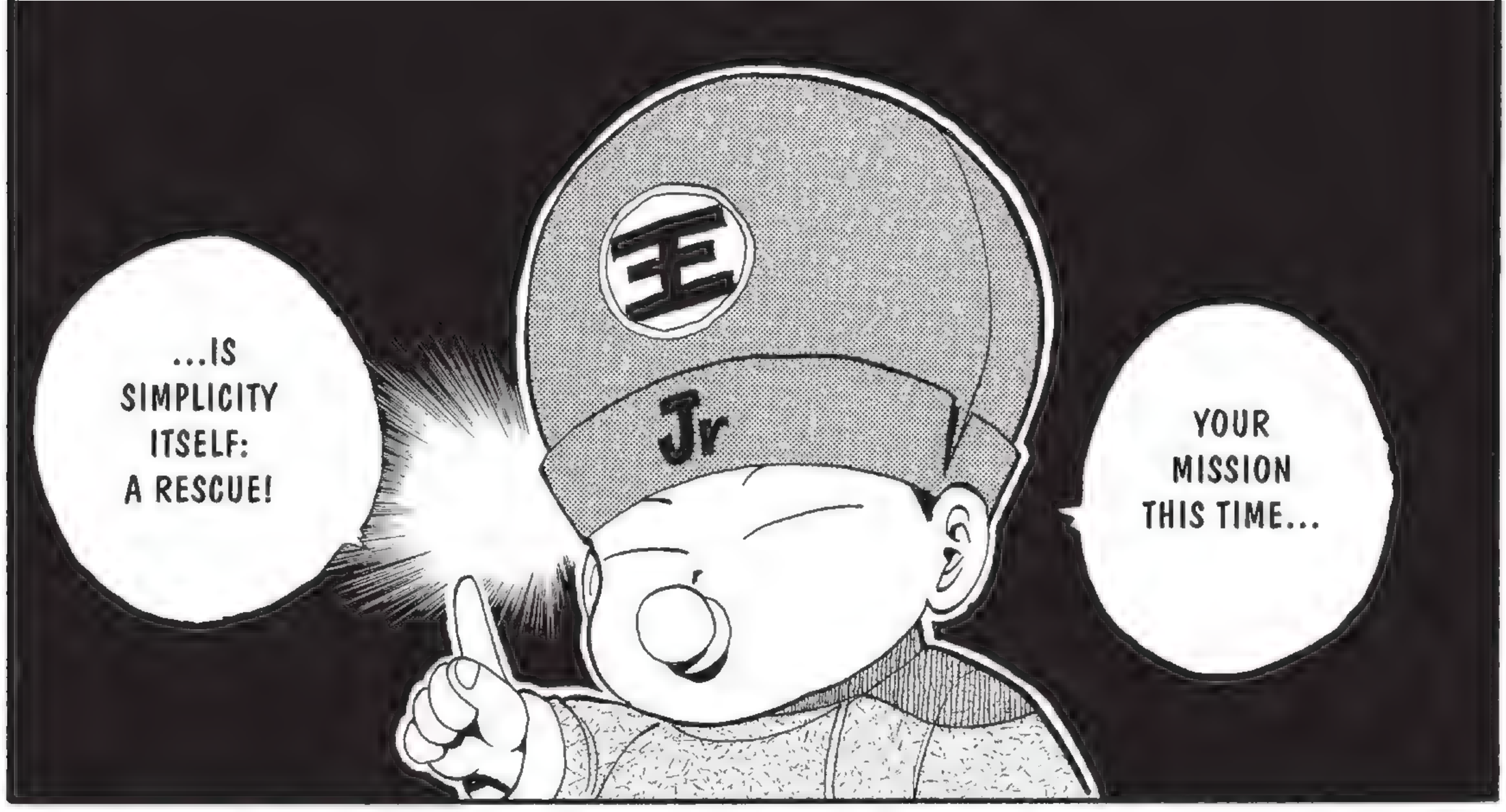
HEY, HOW 'BOUT WE **WATCH** THIS THING?

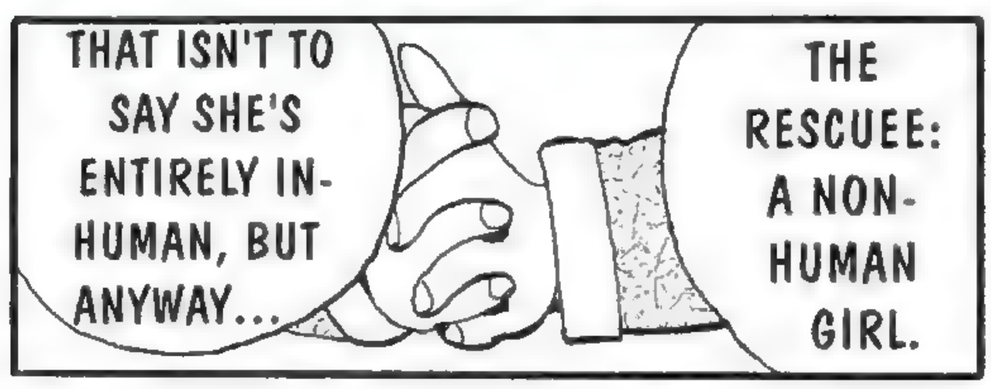
WHY? IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH **YOU** THIS TIME.

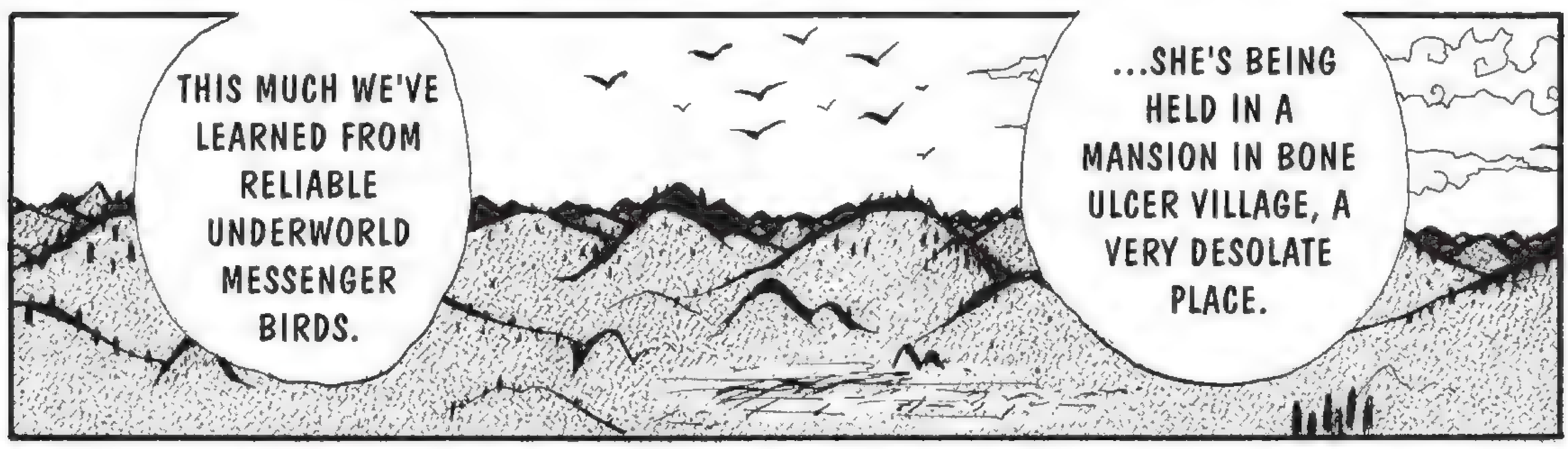
WHOA...

SPRINGTIME FOR KUWABARA!!



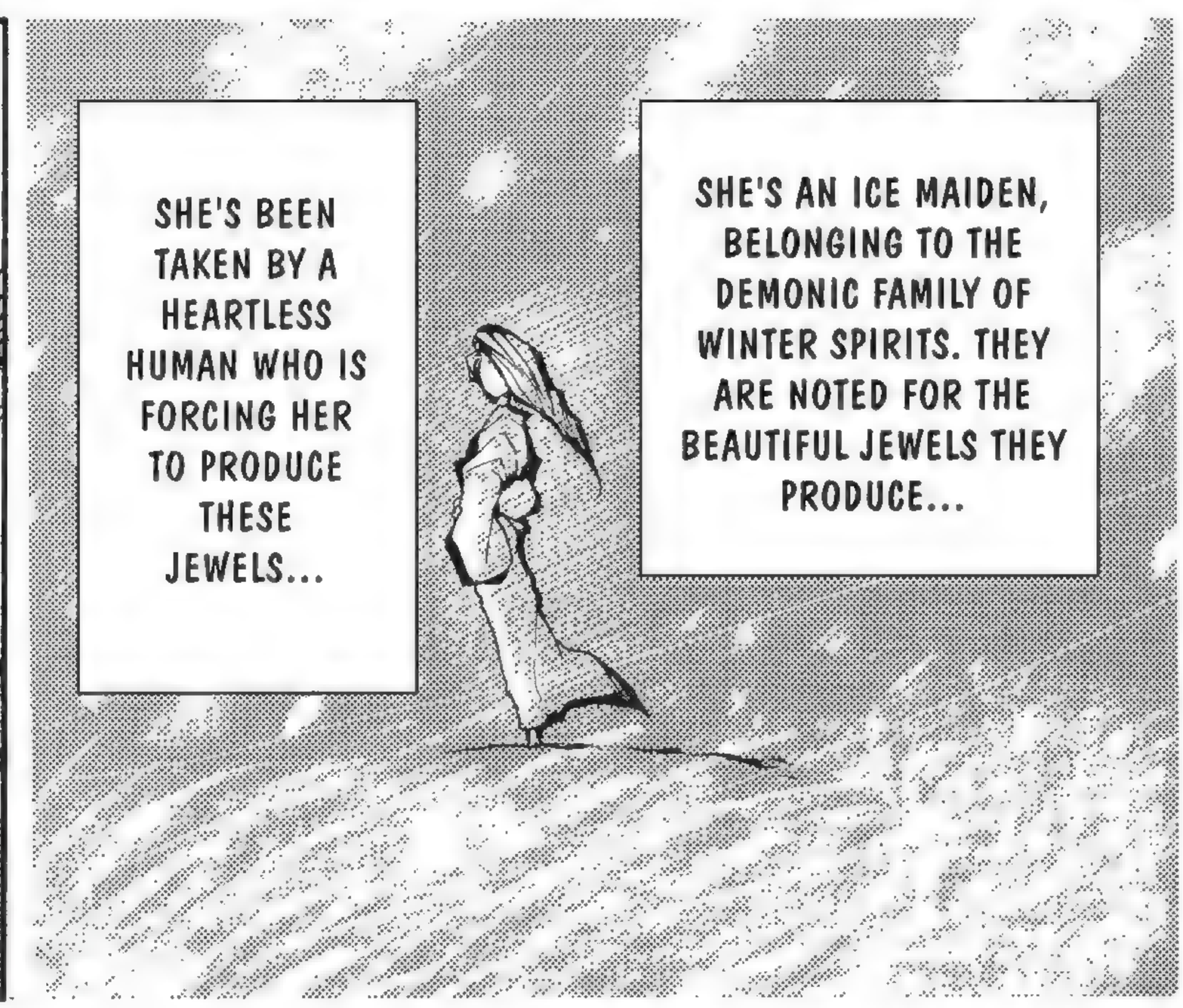

...IS SIMPLICITY ITSELF: A RESCUE!
Jr
YOUR MISSION THIS TIME...

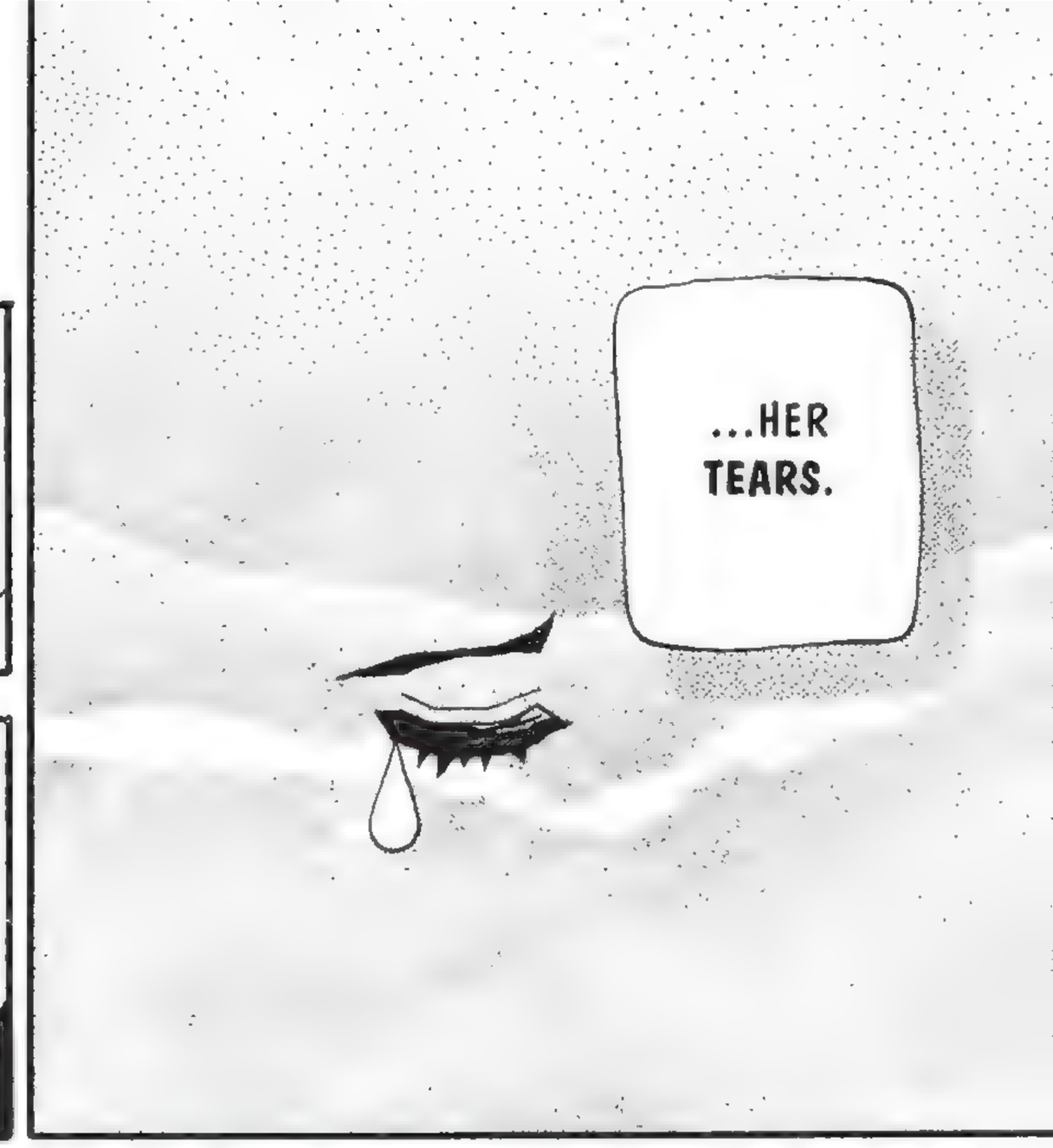

THAT ISN'T TO SAY SHE'S ENTIRELY IN-HUMAN, BUT ANYWAY...
THE RESCUEE: A NON-HUMAN GIRL.

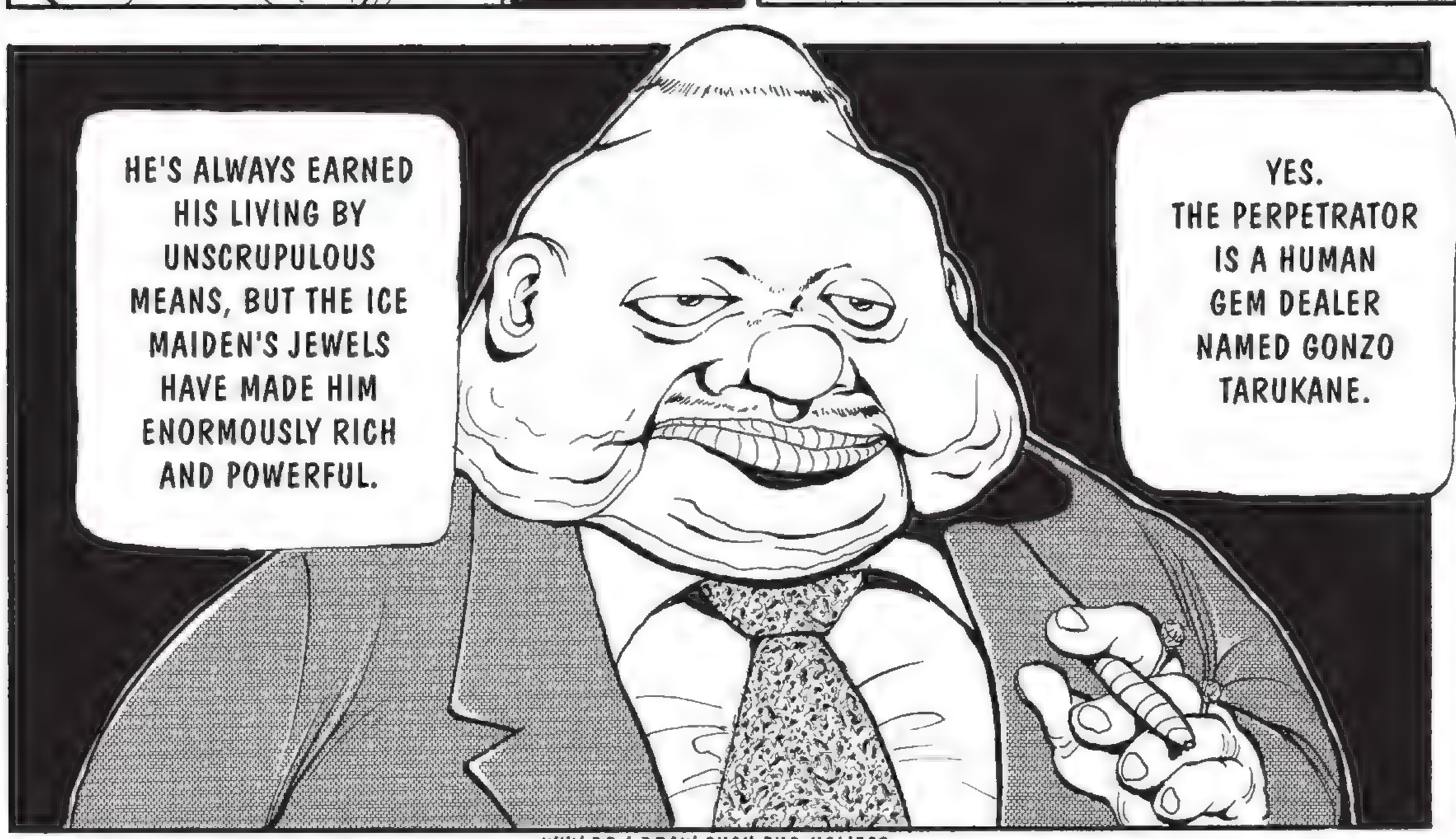

THIS MUCH WE'VE LEARNED FROM RELIABLE UNDERWORLD MESSENGER BIRDS.
...SHE'S BEING HELD IN A MANSION IN BONE ULCER VILLAGE, A VERY DESOLATE PLACE.

SHE DOES SO THROUGH...
.....

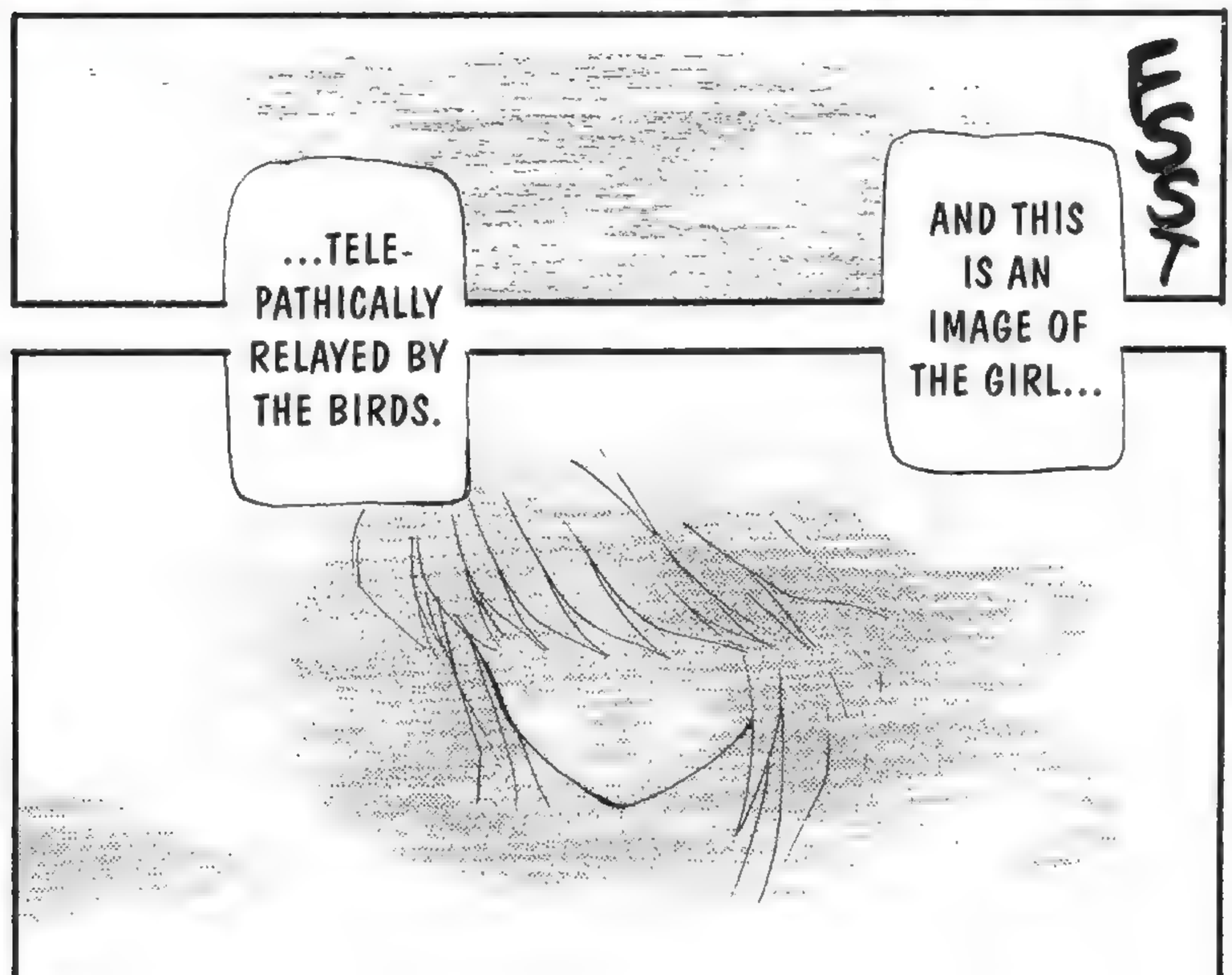
KOENMA'S EYE


SHE'S BEEN TAKEN BY A HEARTLESS HUMAN WHO IS FORCING HER TO PRODUCE THESE JEWELS...
SHE'S AN ICE MAIDEN, BELONGING TO THE DEMONIC FAMILY OF WINTER SPIRITS. THEY ARE NOTED FOR THE BEAUTIFUL JEWELS THEY PRODUCE...

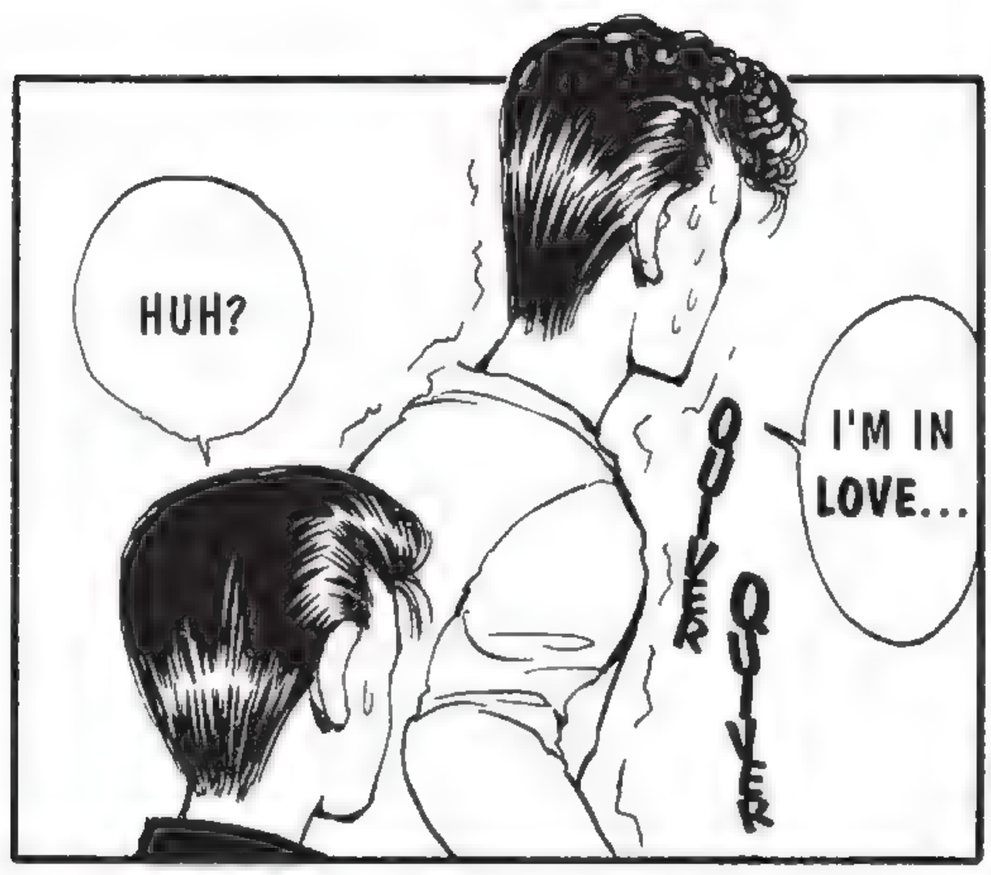




WHY DO I DRAW SUCH PUG-UGLIES?

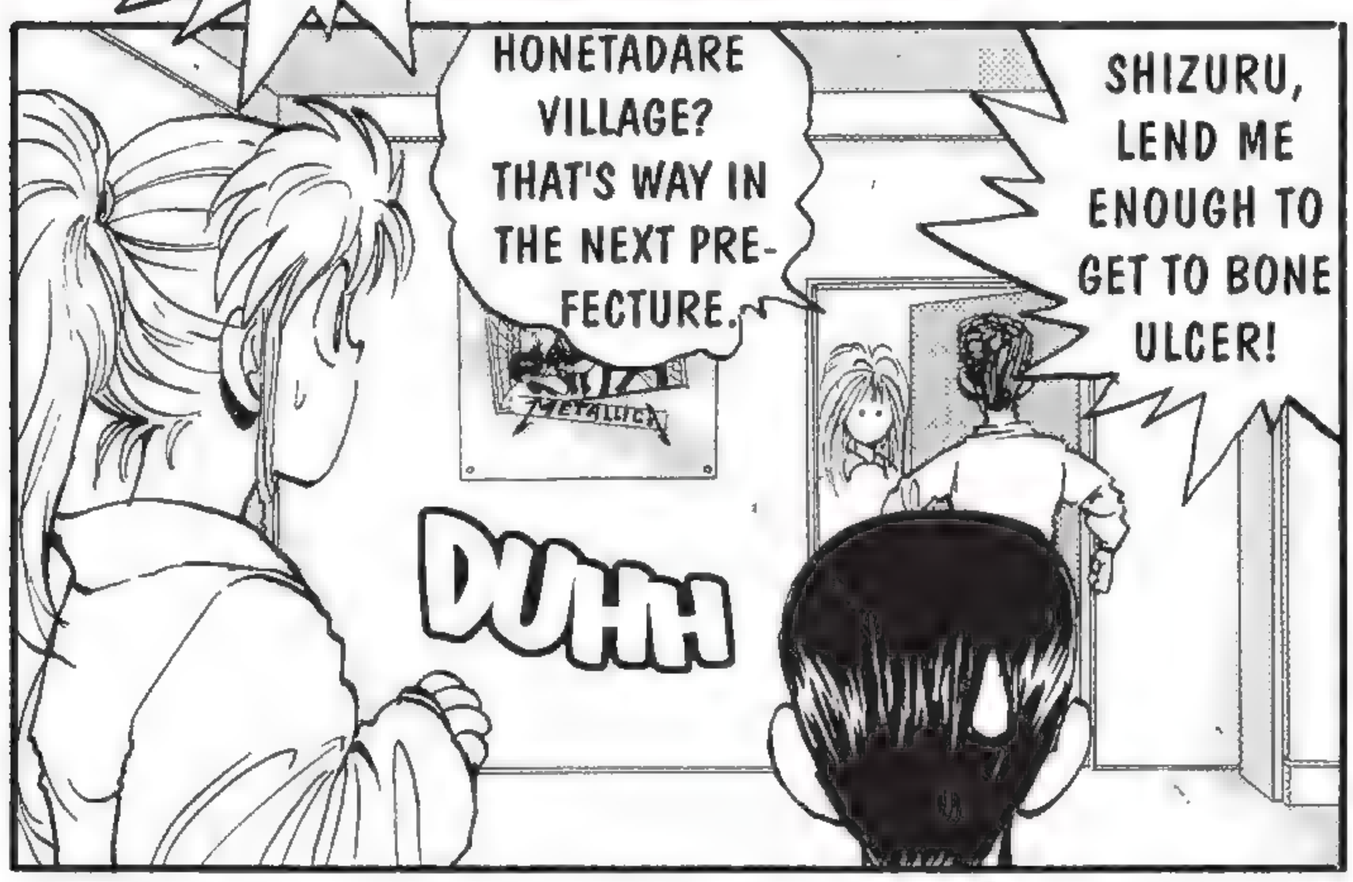


THE BARRIER OF TALISMANS MUST KEEP HER RESTRAINED.
SHE'S CONFINED TO A ROOM AT TARUKANE'S SUMMER MANSION.


HUH?
I'M IN LOVE...
QUIVER QUIVER

YI!

WHAT? NOW?
LET'S GO TO THAT VILLAGE!
OF COURSE NOW!!


HONETADARE VILLAGE? THAT'S WAY IN THE NEXT PRE-FECTURE.
SHIZURU, LEND ME ENOUGH TO GET TO BONE ULCER!
DUHH

WHAT MORE DO WE NEED TO KNOW? SHE'S SUFFERING! AND WE KNOW WHY!
BUT WE HAVEN'T EVEN FINISHED THE VIDEO.
SLOUP SLOUP
HUSTLE YER BUTT, OR I'LL GO WITHOUT YOU!!

I'M STAYING FOR TEA.
MY IDIOT BROTHER'S ON ANOTHER TEAR. YOU GUYS TAKING OFF TOO?
WHAT'S GOT HIM FIRED UP?
UH...

SPRING-TIME FOR KUWABARA.
SNURP
MMM...
WHAT IS GOING ON?

TARUKANE ESTATE...

VVROOM

SCREEK

NOT RECENTLY. HER EMOTIONS...

HOW'S YUKINA? HAS SHE SHED ANY TEARS?

...HAVE RATHER FLATTENED OUT OF LATE.

WE'VE BEEN **WAITING** FOR YOU, SIR.

AND THEY ARE...

GLANCE

I'VE BROUGHT **SPECIALISTS** TO... REKINDLE HER INTEREST.

HMPH. SILLY FREAK... SHE'S BECOME **INDIFFERENT** TO MY NEEDS.

KAPOOM

DEMONS IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING MONSTERS!!

GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY!

BROKERS OF DARKNESS?

THE TOGURO BROTHERS...

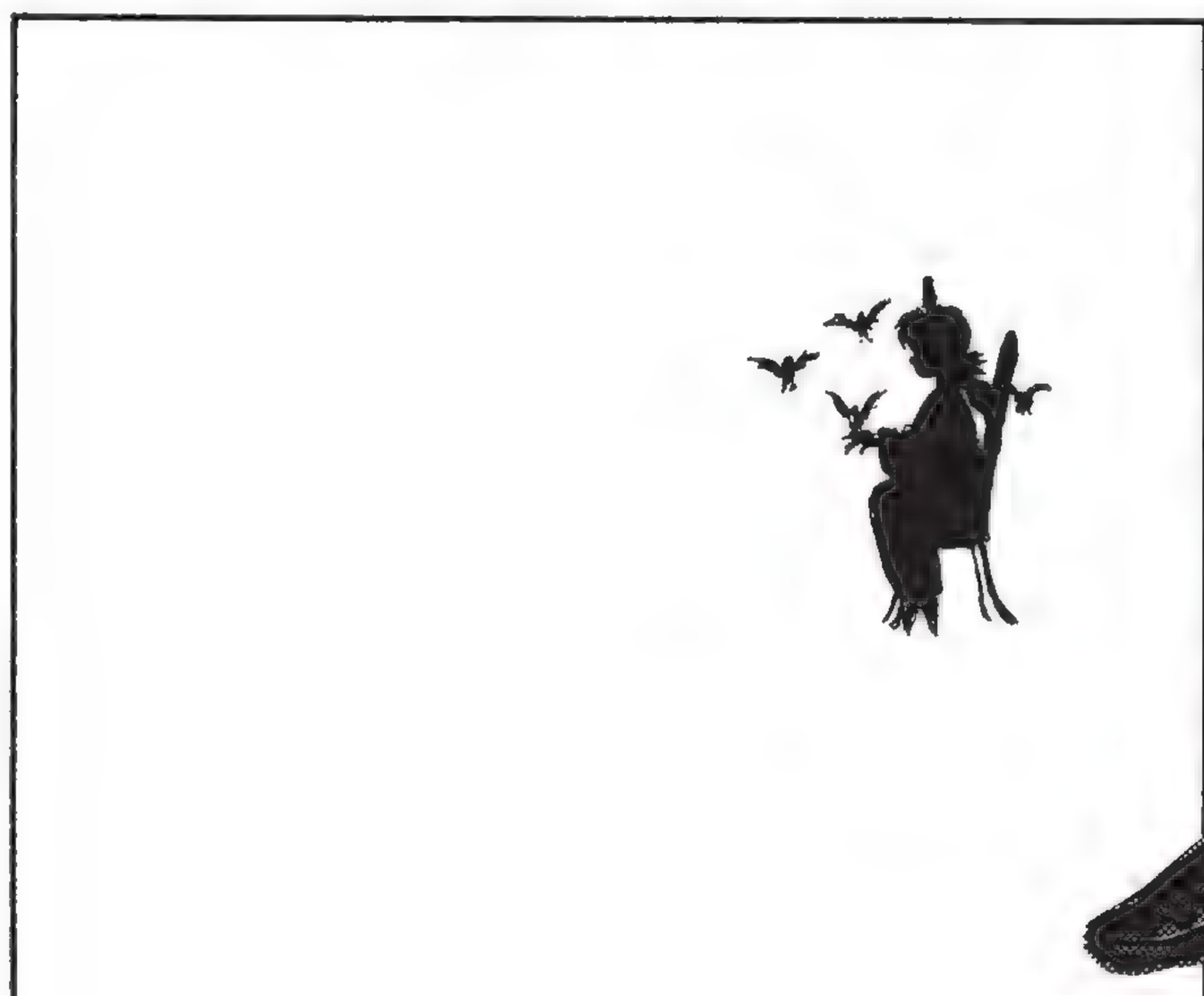
...BROKERS OF DARKNESS!

THEY KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH FREAKS.

FOR EVERY-THING FROM SIDESHOWS TO ASSAULT FORCES.

LEAVE IT TO US.

SET A THIEF TO CATCH A THIEF, THEY SAY...



HEH HEH...

TWEET

TWEEET

TWEEET

CHIRP

I ENVY YOU.

YOU CAN FLY FROM HERE.

PEEP?

AS FOR ME...

TAK

TAK

!

I AM TRAPPED... BY SUBTLE BUT EFFECTIVE RESTRAINTS.

GO!

FWAP

FWAP

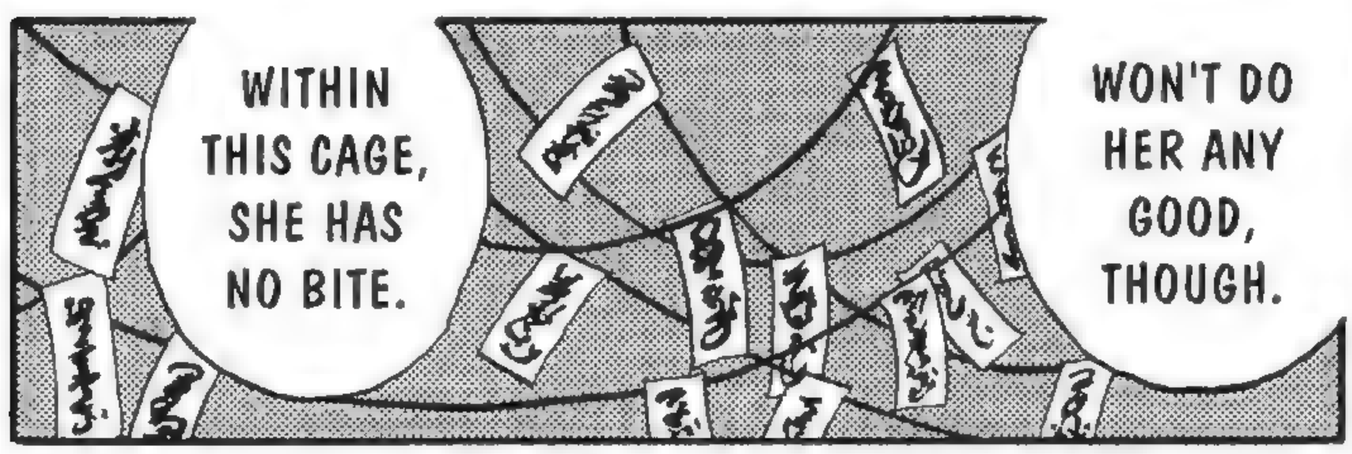
FWAP

FWAP

WHOOOOO

THIS BLAST OF COLD AIR IS A WARNING, LIKE A RATTLESNAKE SOUNDING OFF.
HEH... THE FREAK KNOWS WE'RE HERE.

HM?


WITHIN THIS CAGE, SHE HAS NO BITE.
WON'T DO HER ANY GOOD, THOUGH.

CREEAK

...AS EXPRESSIVE AS A GLACIER.
THERE SHE IS...

DRIP...

SLASH!

SHE WON'T CRY, SCREAM, OR TWITCH AN EYEBROW ANYMORE!
THAT WON'T WORK. FOR FIVE YEARS NOW, SHE'S RESISTED ALL PHYSICAL COERCION.

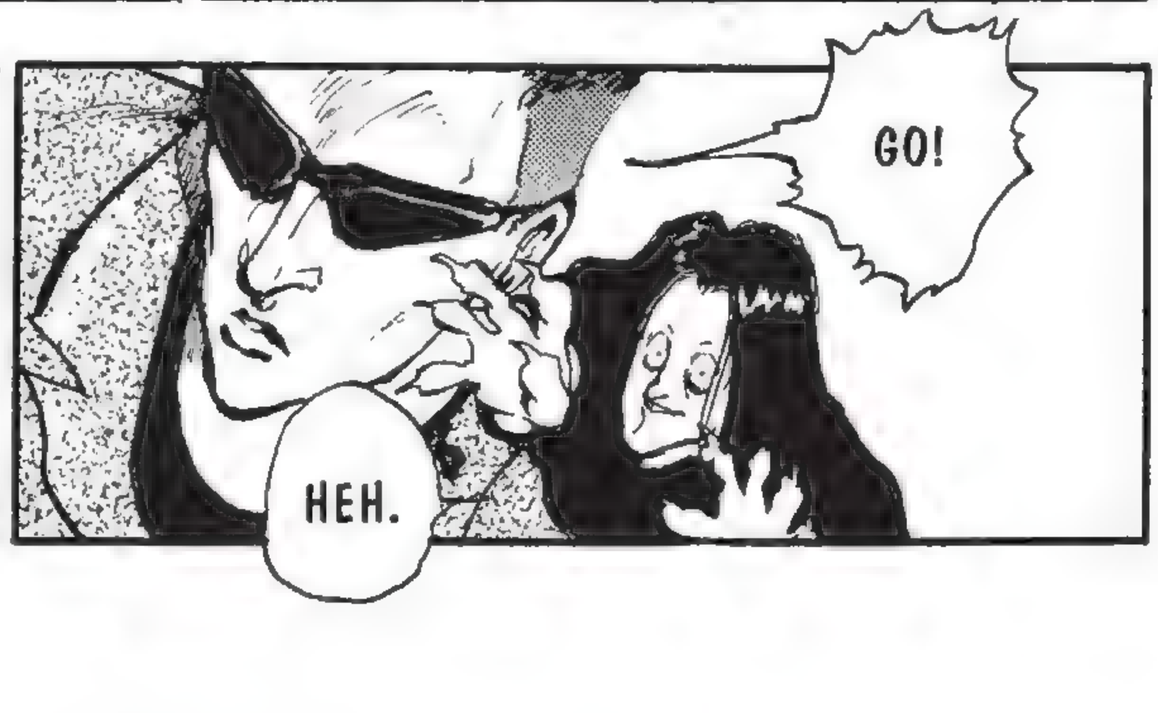
STAY AWAY!!
!

OH...!

FWAP
FWAP

FWAP
FWAP

SLASH!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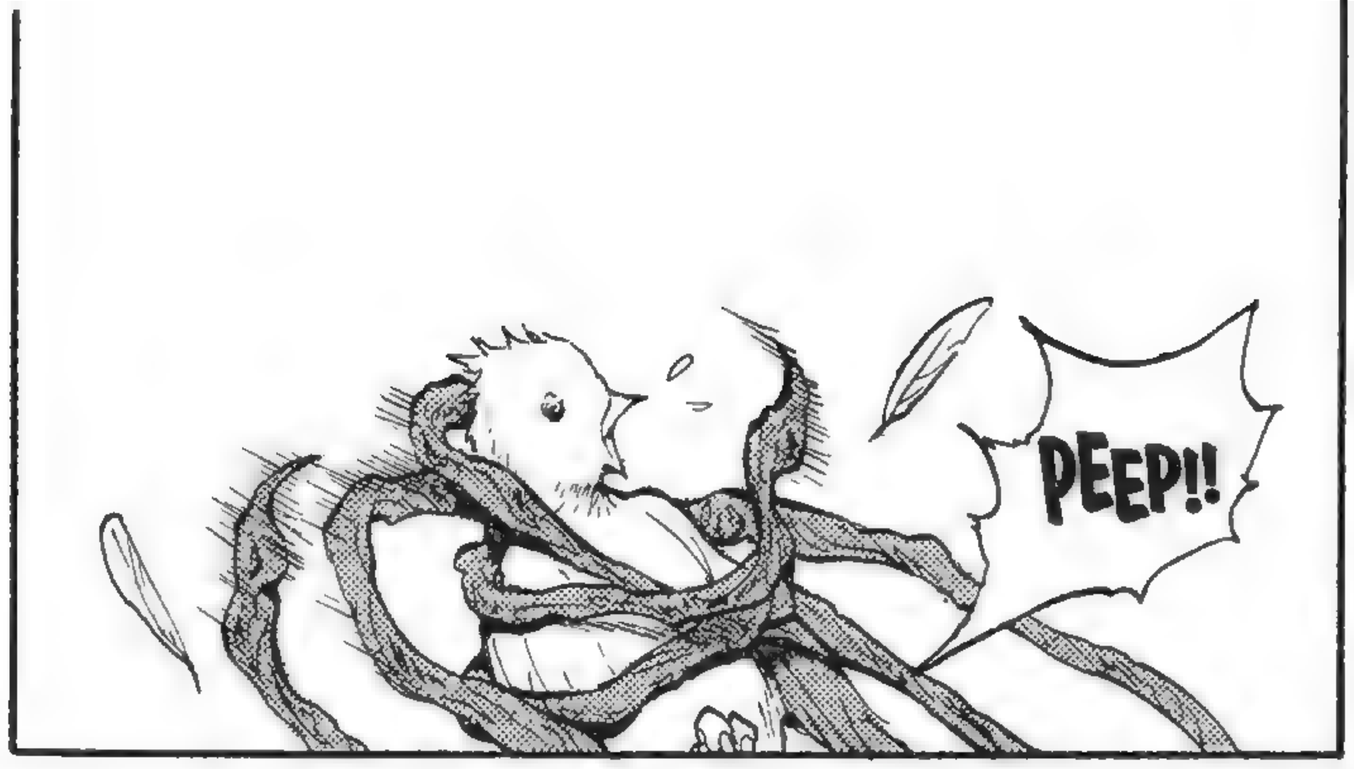
HEH.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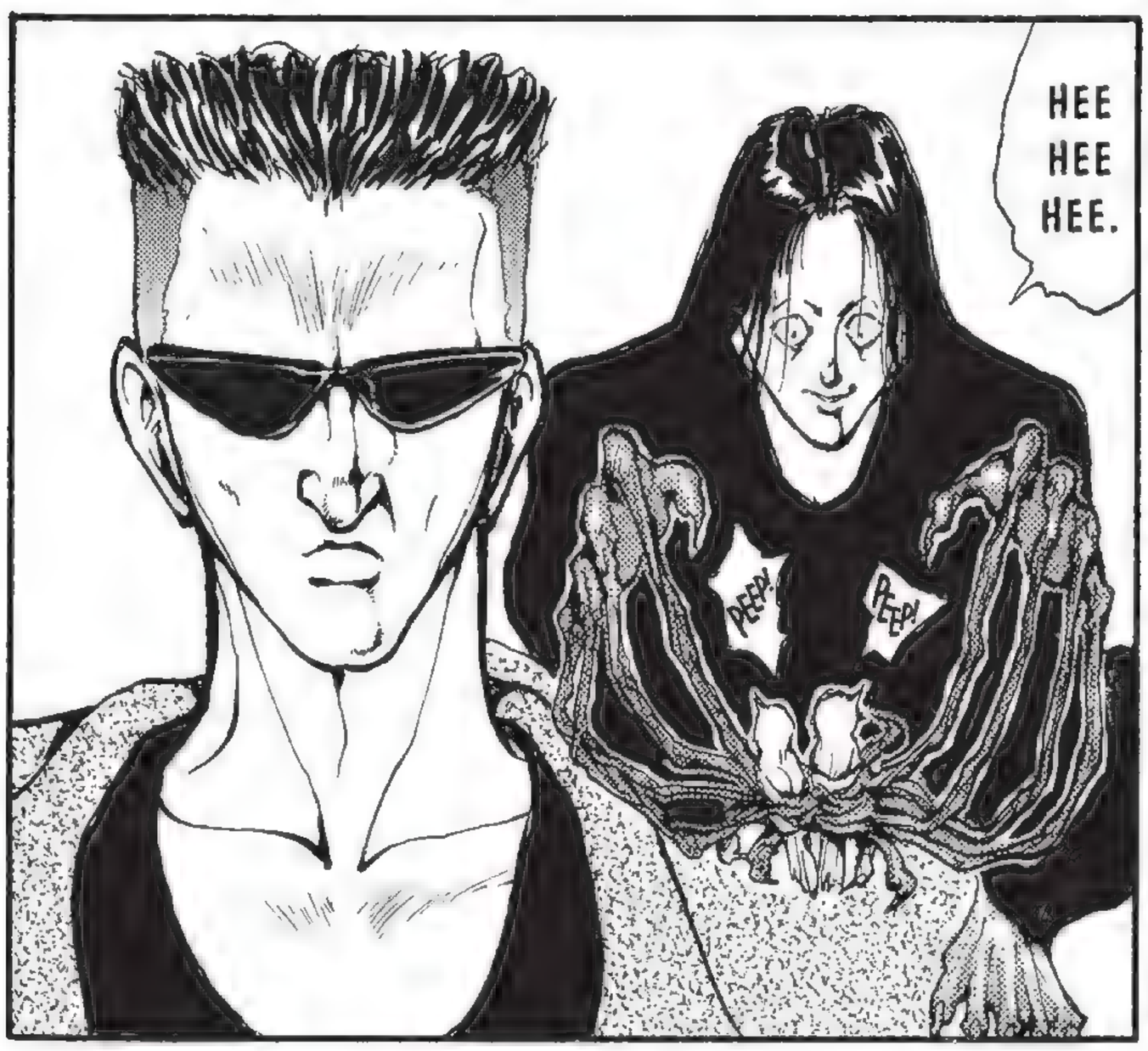
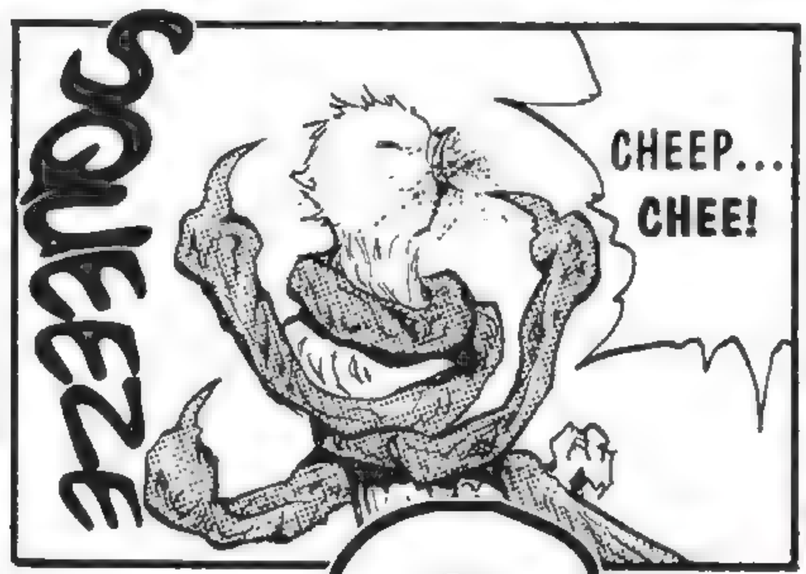

HEE HEE HEE.
PEEP!
PEEP!

!!

DASH
HOLD HER.

DON'T HURT THEM!!

NO... PLEASE...!!

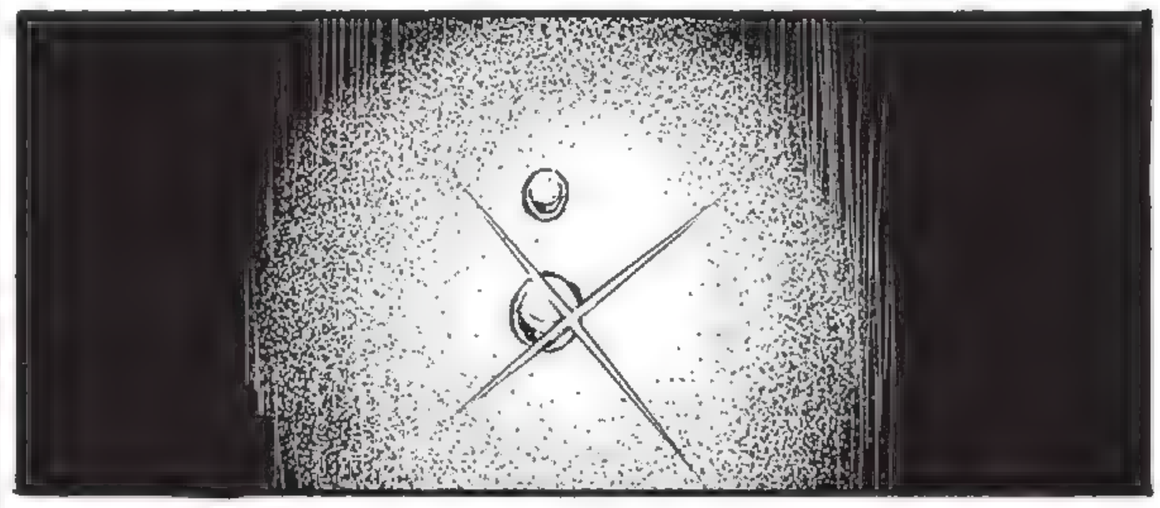

SQUEEZE
CHEEP... CHEE!

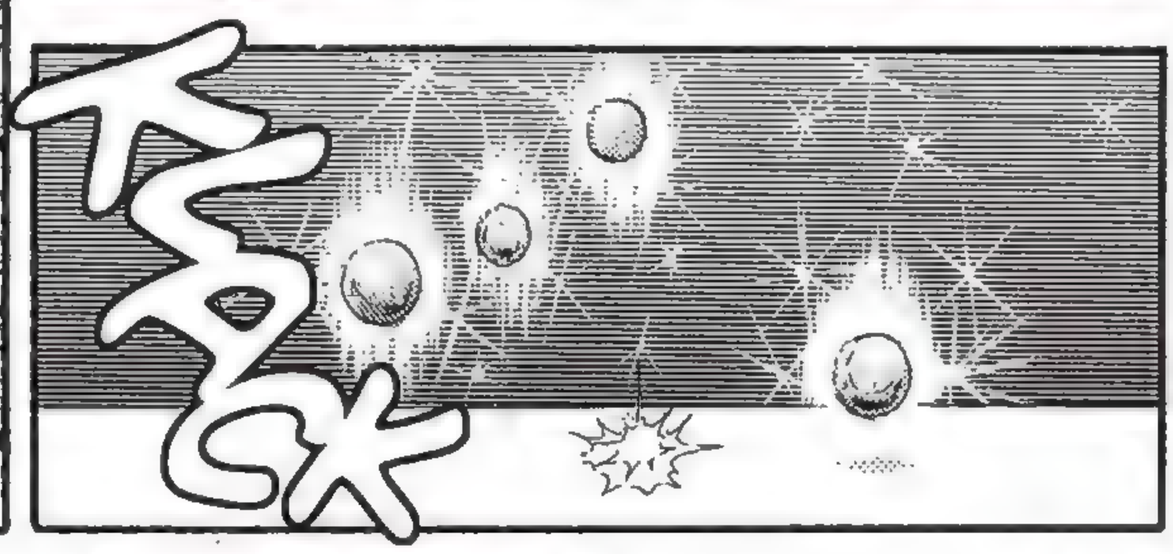
CHEE...!

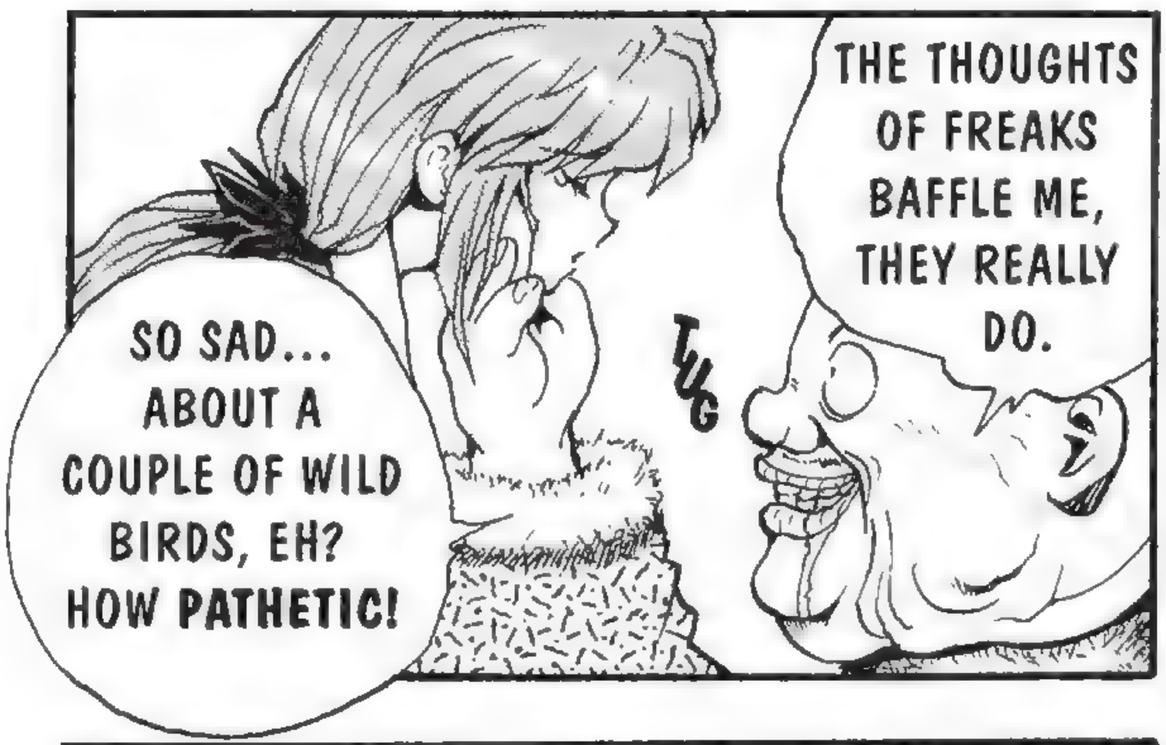
SO THESE LITTLE FRIENDS OF YOURS HELP GET YOU THROUGH YOUR LONELY DAYS...
...EH, LITTLE GIRL?

...PLEASE...
...NO MORE...

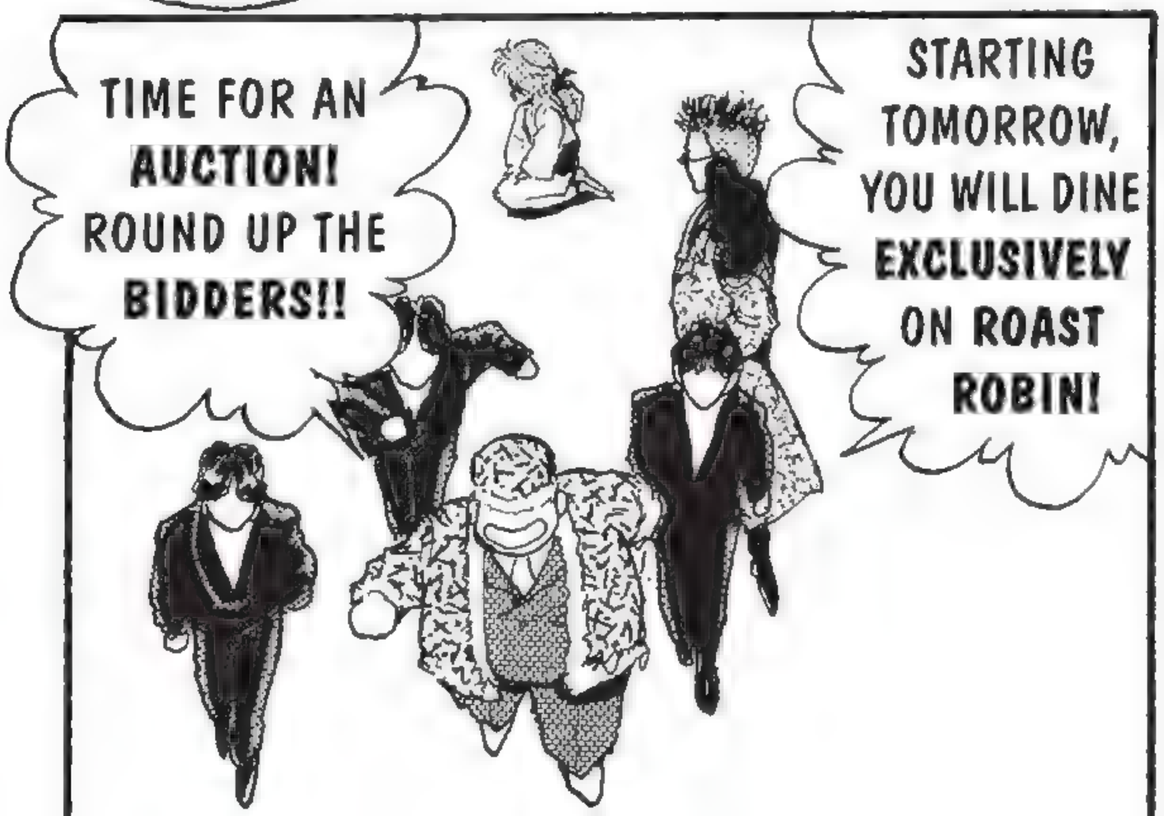
OOH!
HO HO HO! THERE THEY ARE!
YOU DID IT! HEE HEE HEE!






THE THOUGHTS OF FREAKS BAFFLE ME, THEY REALLY DO.
TUG
SO SAD... ABOUT A COUPLE OF WILD BIRDS, EH? HOW PATHETIC!

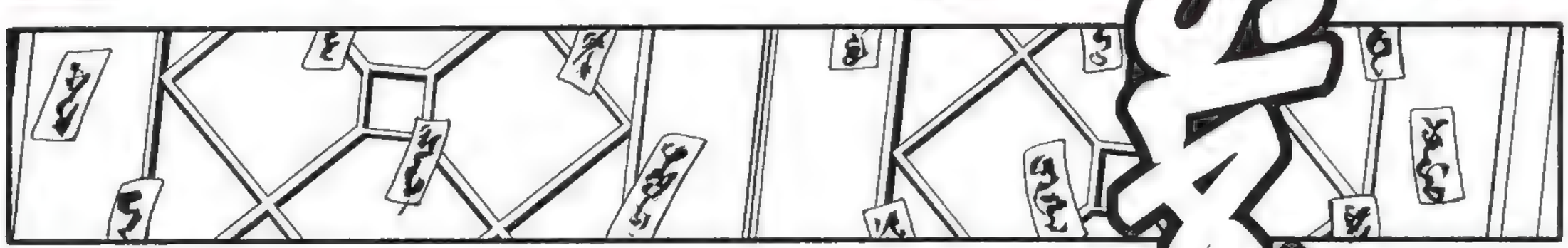
I'M RICH! HEE HEE HEE! THESE WILL NET ME ANOTHER BILLION, EASY!!

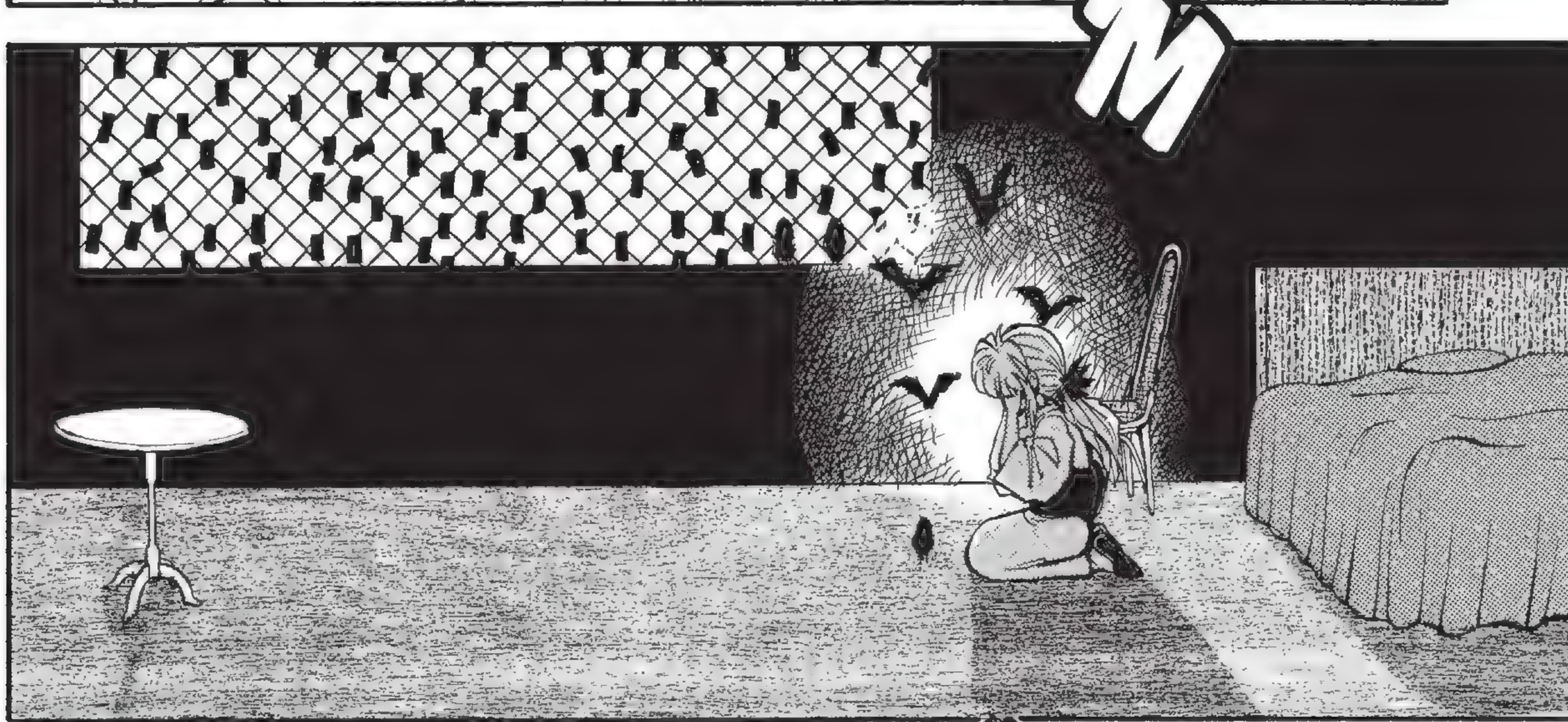

TIME FOR AN AUCTION! ROUND UP THE BIDDERS!!
STARTING TOMORROW, YOU WILL DINE EXCLUSIVELY ON ROAST ROBIN!

YOU'LL BE FREE THEN -- FREE OF MY BROTHER AND ME, AT LEAST.

MY ADVICE, LITTLE GIRL? FORGET BEING STUBBORN AND LEARN TO CRY ON DEMAND.

SNAP





INTRU-DERS?!

OOF.

THEY'LL HAVE A BIT OF A GAUNTLET TO RUN. THE WHOLE VILLAGE IS PRACTICALLY MY FORTRESS.

NO DOUBT SENT BY ONE OF MY **COMPETITORS**, TO DISCOVER THE **SECRET** OF MY JEWELS.

THERE'S PLENTY OF COUNTRYSIDE OUTSIDE THE CITY, BUT ONLY THE **RICH** GET TO ENJOY IT MUCH.

REALLY SOMETHING, REACHING MOUNTAINS AFTER ONLY AN HOUR BY TRAIN AND BUS.

THESE TIRE TRACKS OUGHT TO LEAD US TO THE MANSION.

I ALREADY HAVE MEN PLACED ON SECURITY DUTY.

THEY WON'T GET ANYWHERE **NEAR** HERE...

GOOD THING HE DIDN'T SEE THE REST OF THE VIDEO.

WOW! SHE REALLY GOT TO HIM!

PATIENCE, LADY OF THE SNOW!!

I'LL SAVE YOU! SO I SWEAR!!

...AS IT INVOLVES A PERSONAL DEBT YOU OWE.

ONE MORE THING, YUSUKE, AND THIS IS IMPORTANT...

THE GIRL'S NAME IS YUKINA...

...AND SHE IS HIEI'S SISTER.

SHOOF

!!

NO CHANCE OF THAT.
OH WELL...

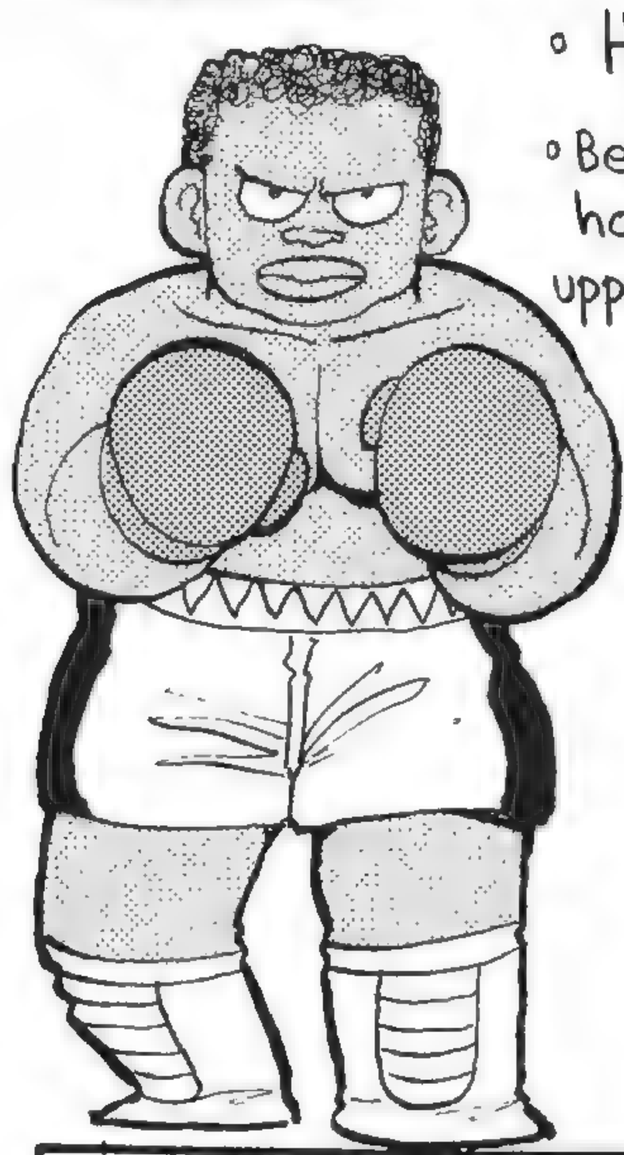
...WE COULD STAY THE NIGHT AT TARUKANE'S MANSION!!
IT'S LATE, WE MISSED OUR TRAIN, AND WE THOUGHT...

THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY.
BUZZ OFF, GUYS.

HIS LEG...
GACK!!!
?!

...IN BODY BAGS.
SORRY, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO LEAVE...
SHOCK
PIP

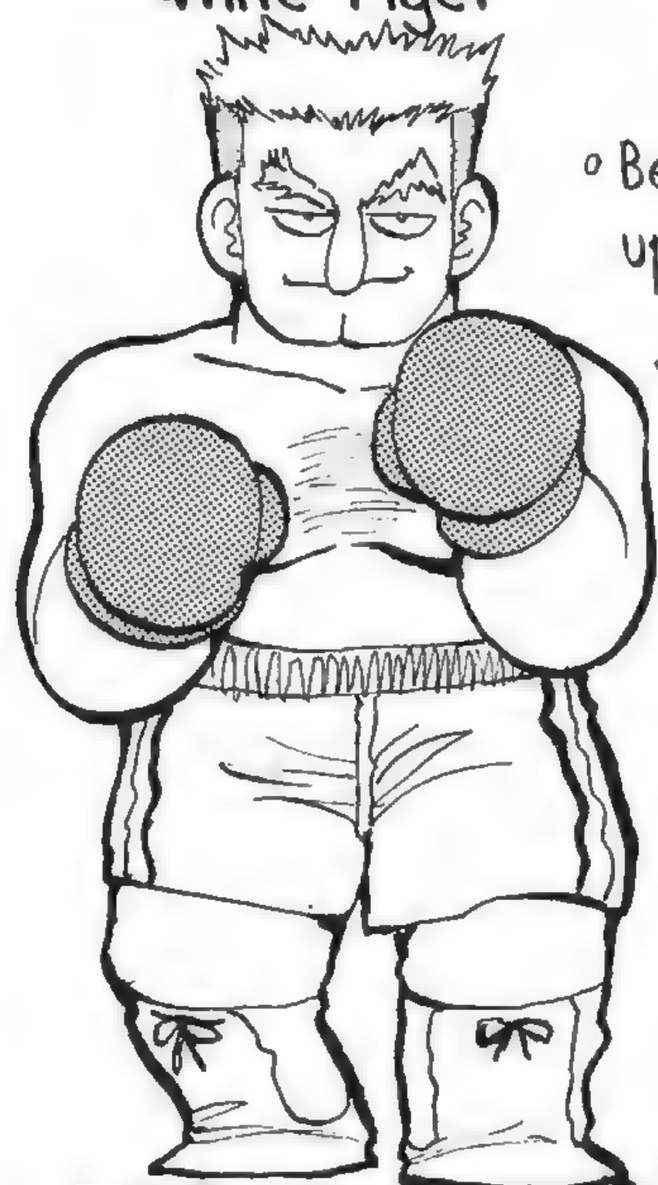
Black Joe



- HP: 10
- Best Punch: hook (3P), uppercut (3P)
- KO Punch: Big Magnum (4P)

HP

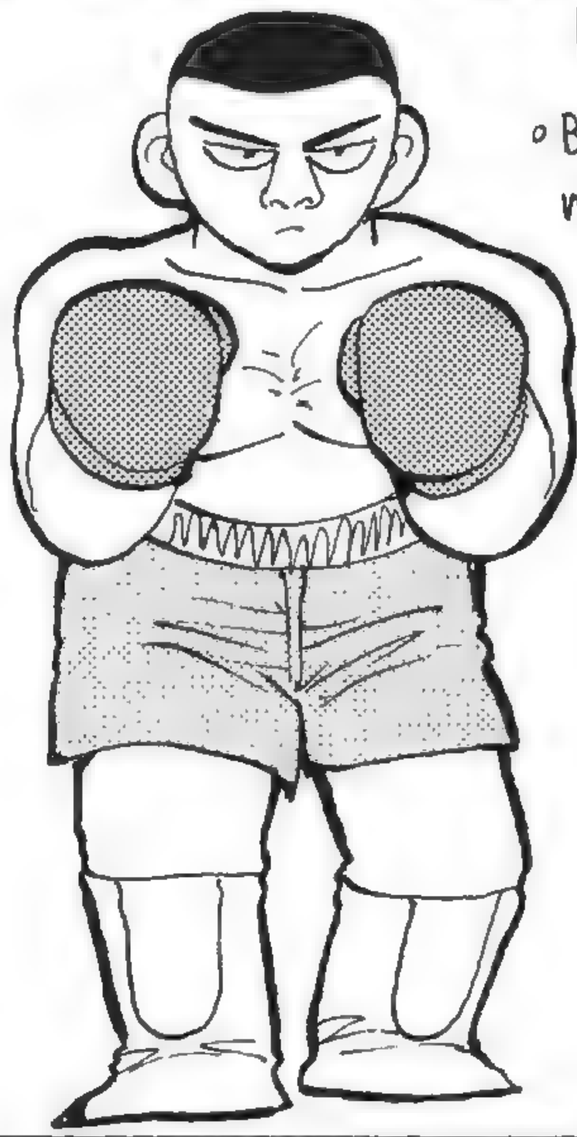
White Tiger



- HP: 12
- Best Punch: uppercut (3P)
- KO Punch: Special Thunder (4P)

HP

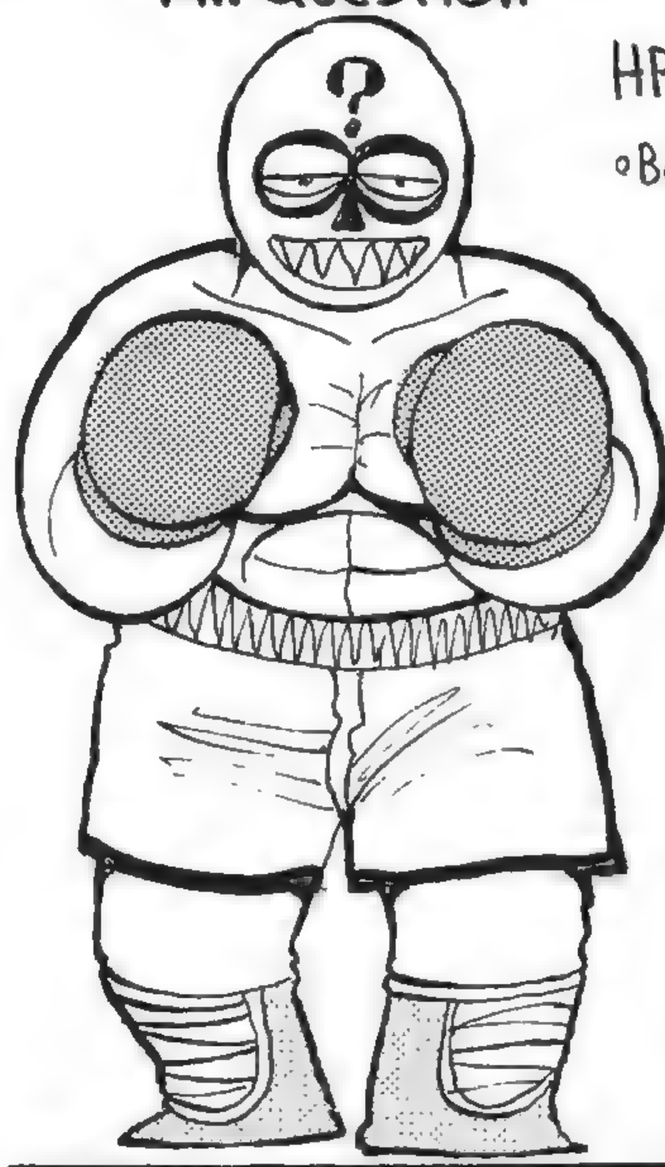
Kamikaze Sankichi



- HP: 10
- Best Punch: none
- KO Punch: Kamikaze Shot (6P)

HP

Mr. Question

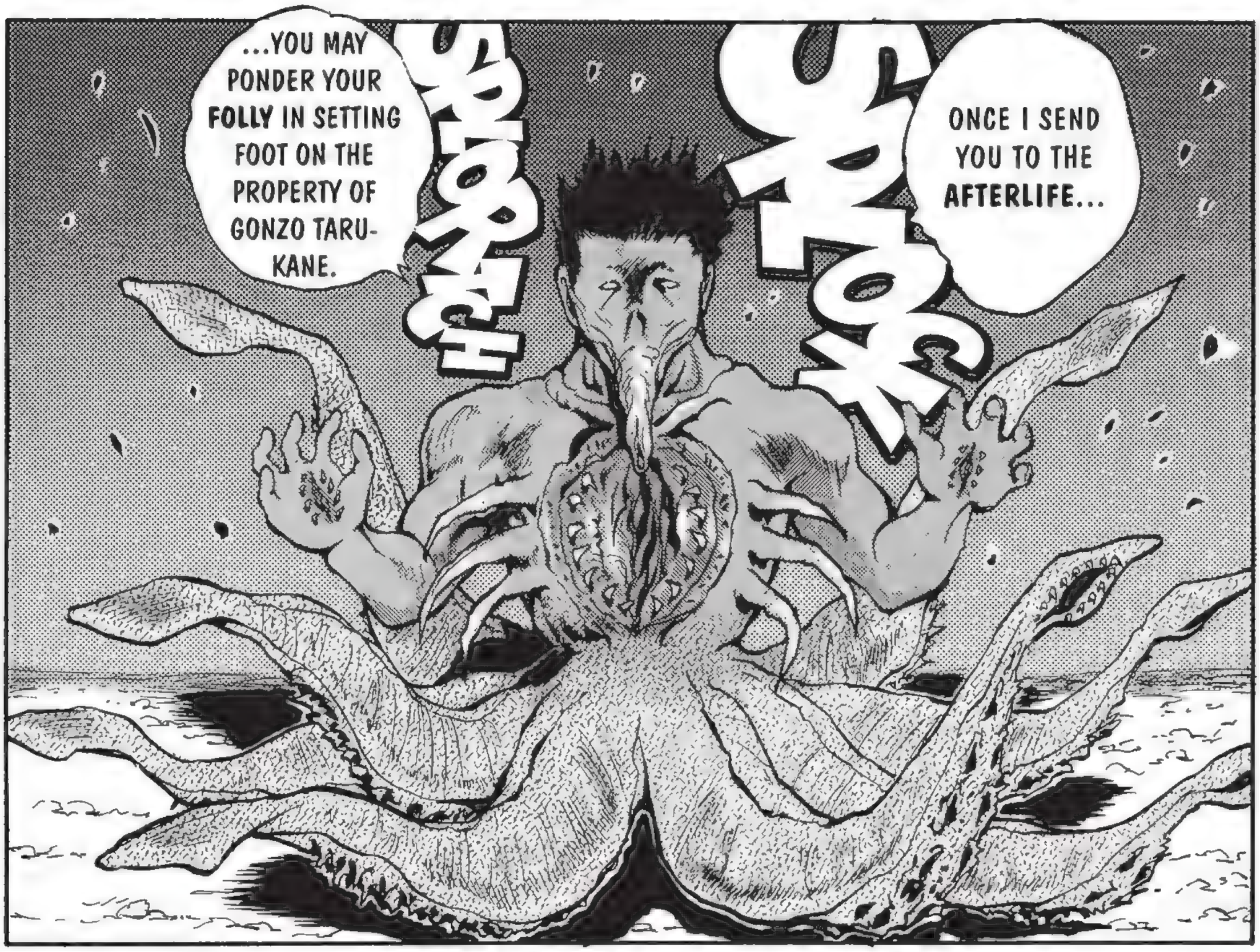


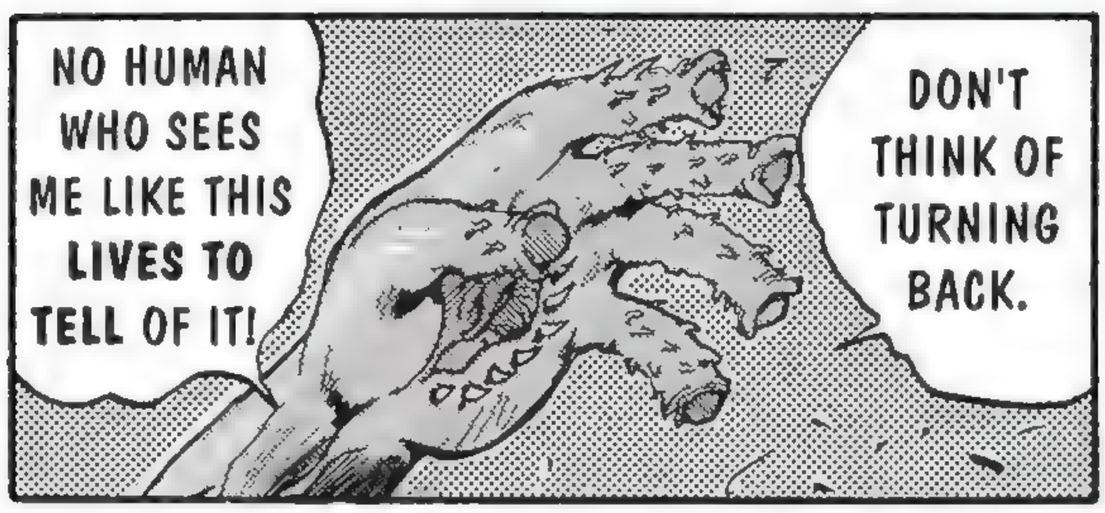
- HP: 15
- Best Punch: none
- KO Punch: Query Bomb (4P)

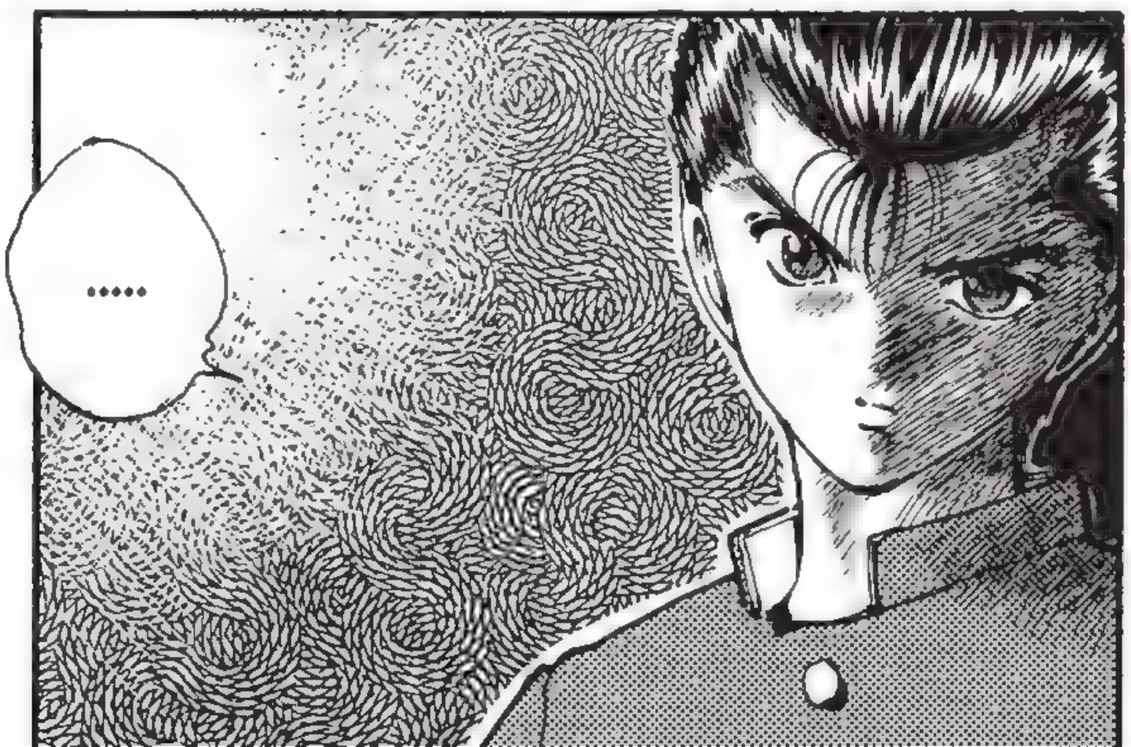
HP

◎ With a pencil, blacken out the Hit Point boxes for the amount of damage that you receive. You'll be KO'ed once the bar gets full! Refer to p.68 for how to play.

THE BLACK BOOK CLUB!!







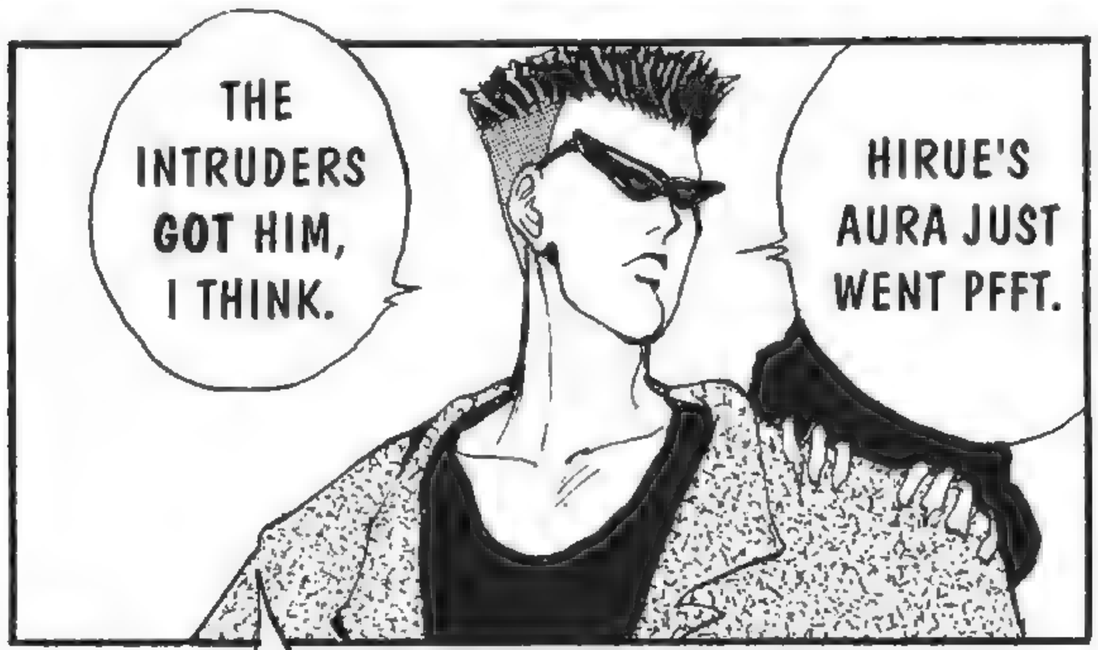
THE BLACK BOOK CLUB!!

DOESN'T IT BOTHER YOU THAT THESE SCUMBALL HUMANS ARE HAVING THEIR WAY WITH HER?
ONE OF YOUR OWN KIND, RIGHT?
.....
WHY SHOULD IT?
WHY WOULD YOU EXPECT DEMONS TO BE ANY LESS GREEDY?
YOU HUMANS ARE ALWAYS READY TO SELL EACH OTHER OUT TO PLEASE YOUR SELFISH INCLINATIONS.
HEE HEE... I'D BET IF THERE WAS A PILE OF MONEY IN IT FOR YOU, YOU'D EACH THROW THE OTHER TO THE DOGS FOR IT.
THE GIRL BEING HELD HERE IS A DEMON, TOO.
THEN THAT'S A FAT LOT YOU KNOW...
...ABOUT US!!

SMASH
HAH! ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY, ARE WE?!

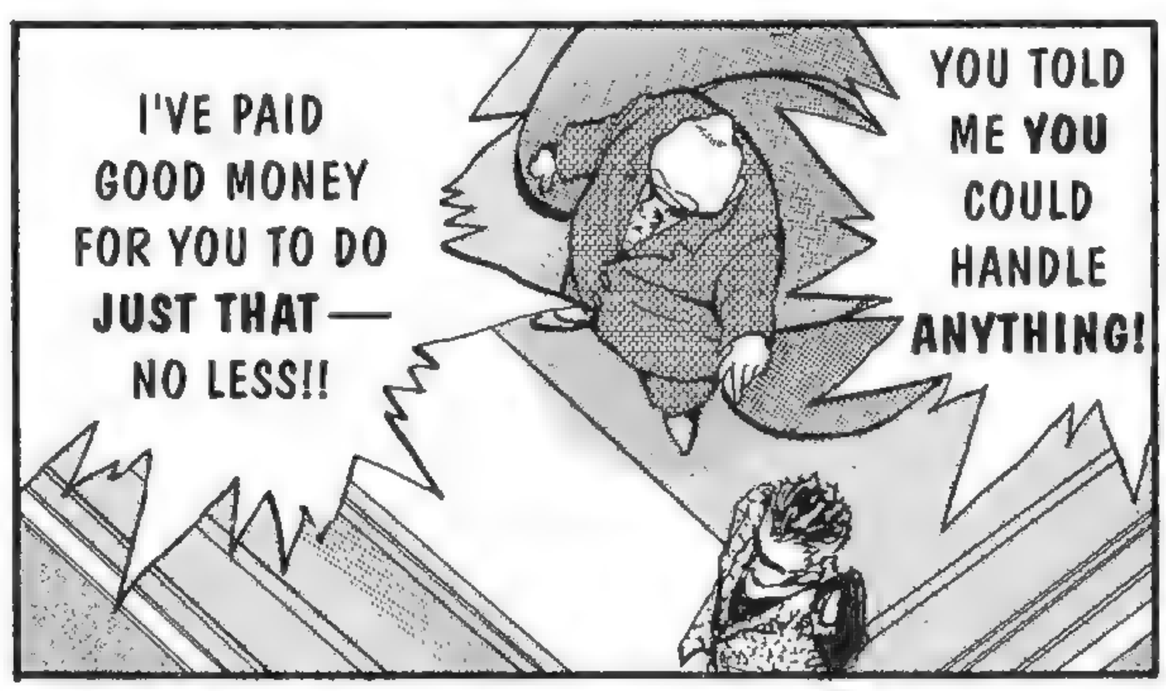
GEH—
GUH—
WAM

!!

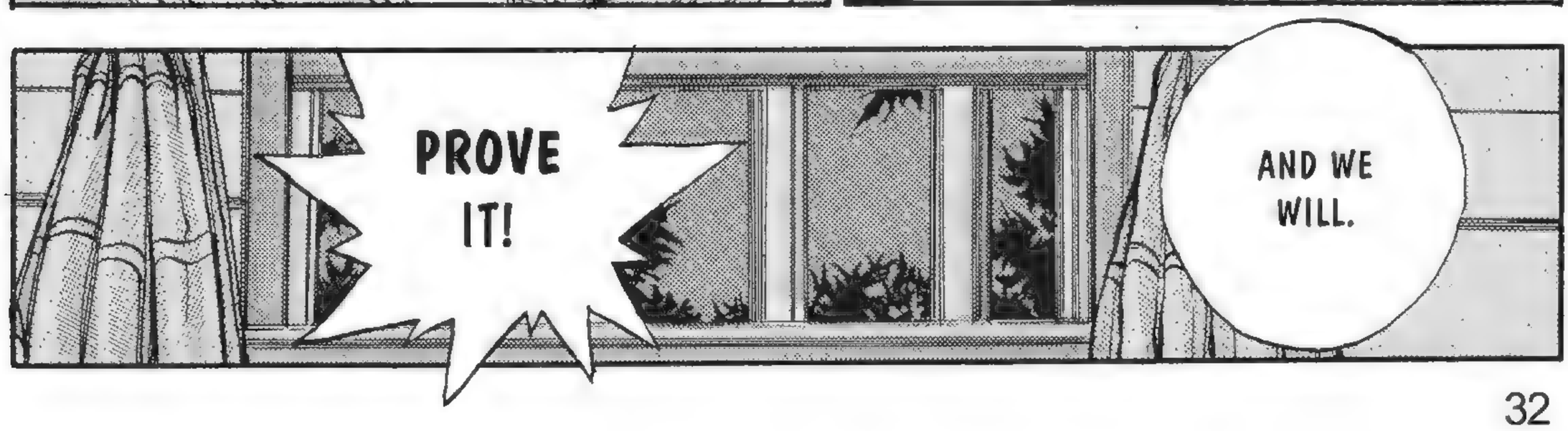

THE INTRUDERS GOT HIM, I THINK.
HIRUE'S AURA JUST WENT PFFT.

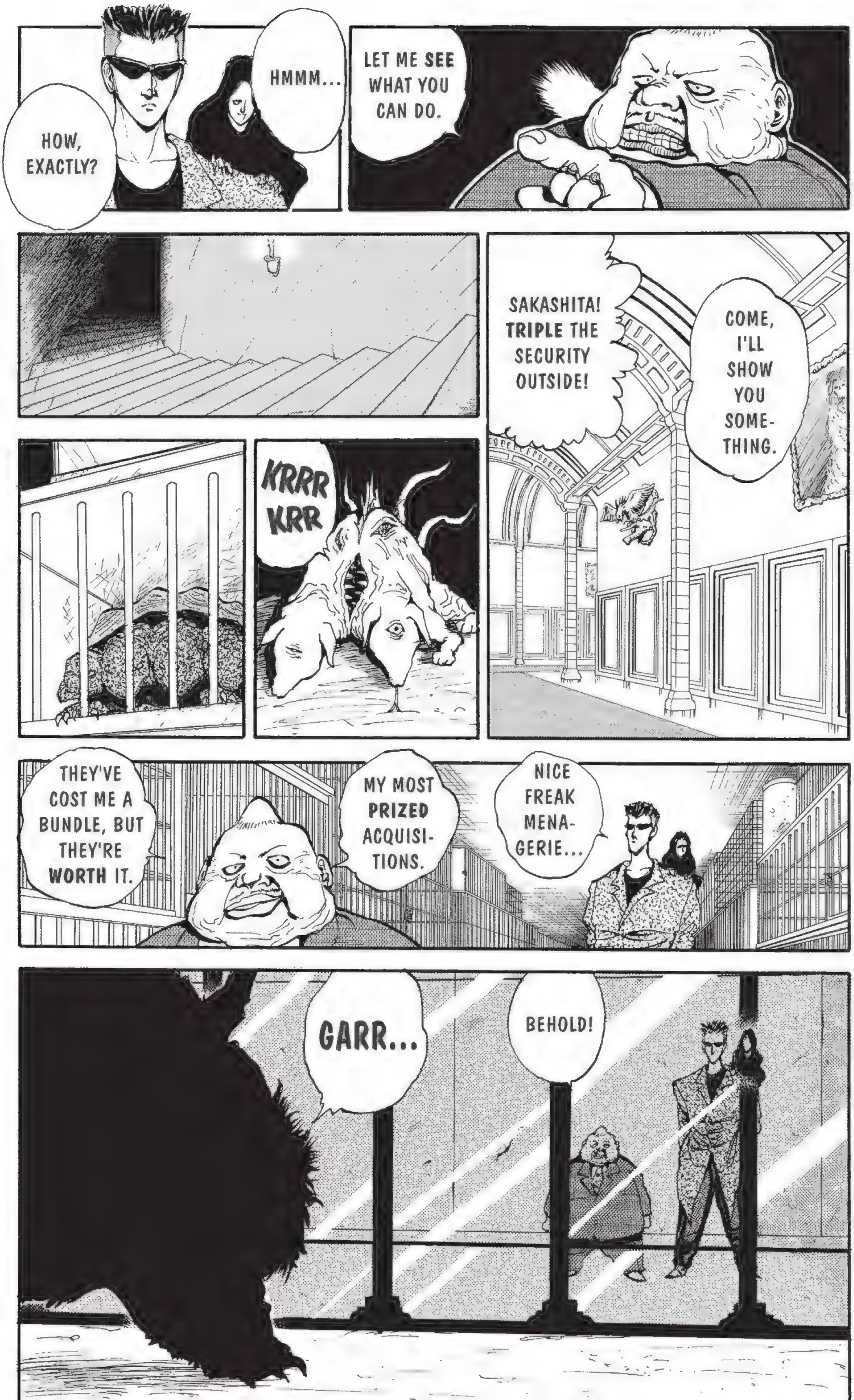
SOMETHING WRONG?
WHADDAYA KNOW...

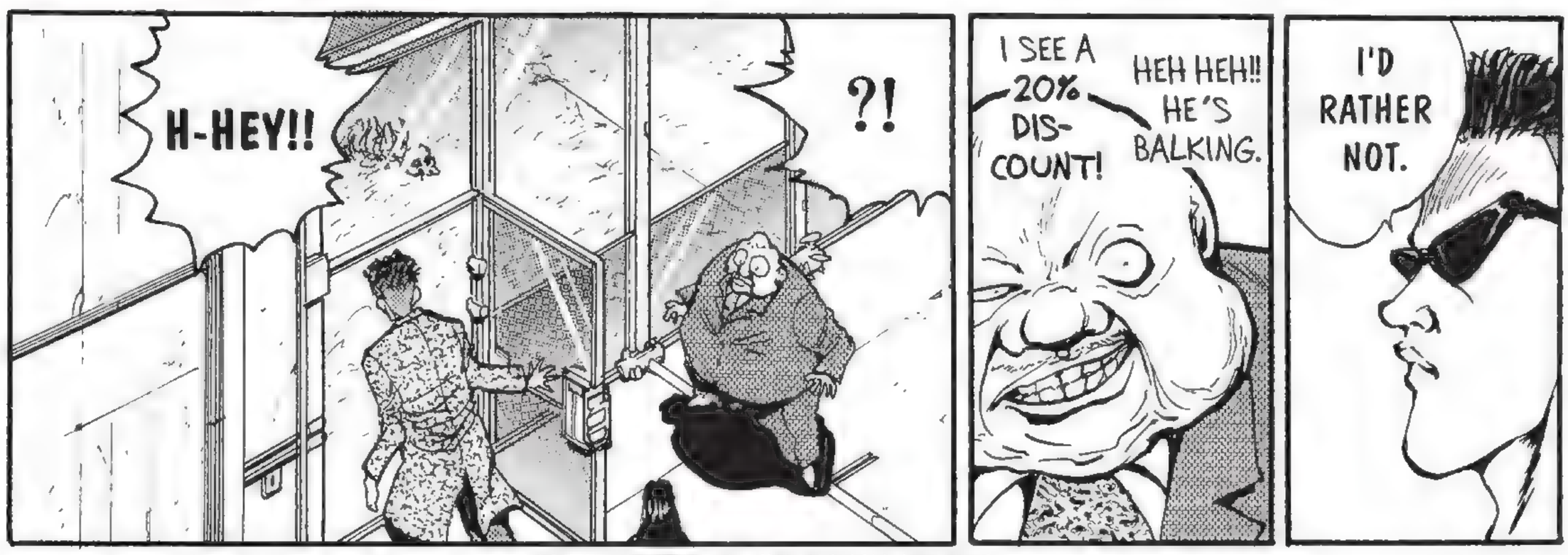
ARE YOUR MEN THAT WEAK?!
WHAT?!


I'VE PAID GOOD MONEY FOR YOU TO DO JUST THAT— NO LESS!!
YOU TOLD ME YOU COULD HANDLE ANYTHING!

NO. THIS TELLS ME WE AREN'T DEALING WITH...
...JUST ANY RATS OFF THE STREET.


PROVE IT!
AND WE WILL.


HOW, EXACTLY?
HMMM...
LET ME SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO.
SAKASHITA! TRIPLE THE SECURITY OUTSIDE!
COME, I'LL SHOW YOU SOME-THING.
KRRR KRR
THEY'VE COST ME A BUNDLE, BUT THEY'RE WORTH IT.
MY MOST PRIZED ACQUISI-TIONS.
NICE FREAK MENA-GERIE...
GARR...
BEHOLD!



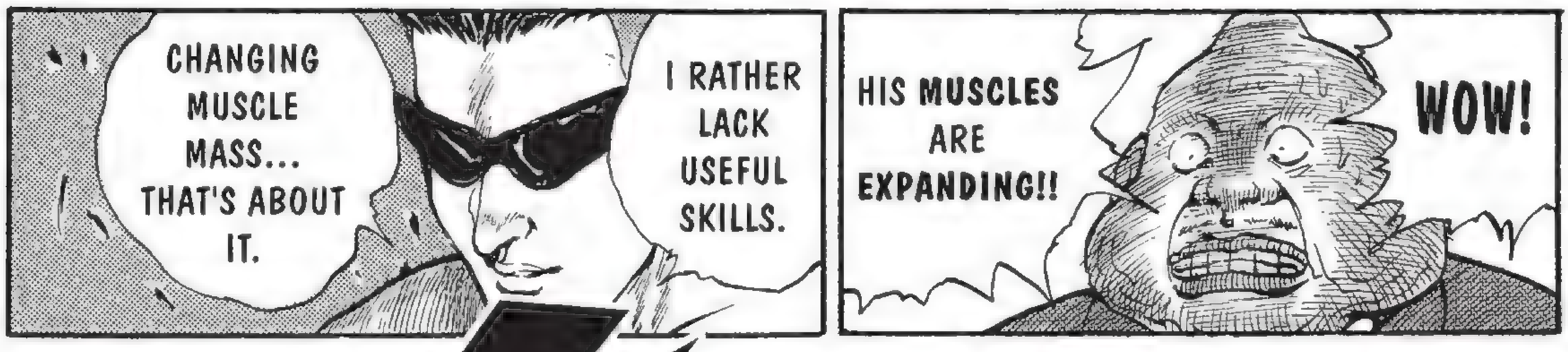
THE ELDER TOGURO WILL SIT THIS ONE OUT.

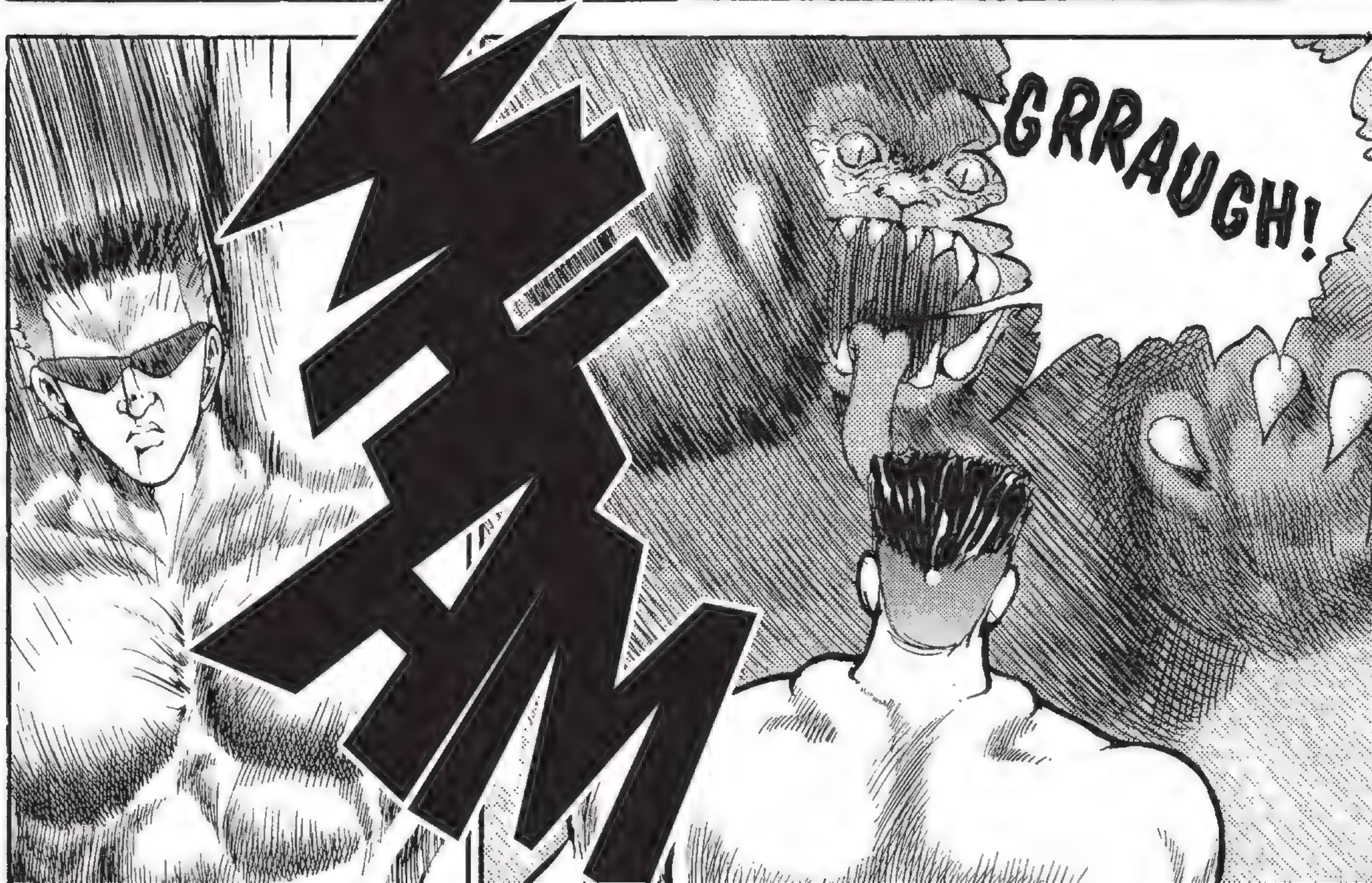
GRROWL
...YOU WOULDN'T THINK I LOVED ANIMALS.
JUST BY LOOKING AT ME...
I CAN'T CALL HER OFF! SHE DOESN'T HAVE THE BRAIN CAPACITY TO TAKE COMMANDS!!
YOU IDIOT! GET BACK OUT HERE! WHO'S GOING TO GUARD YUKINA IF YOU DIE?!
30% SHOULD BE ENOUGH...
...TO BEAT THIS POOR BEAST.
RUURRR
MM... TOO BAD.

HAAAH!

CRACKLE

CRACKLE





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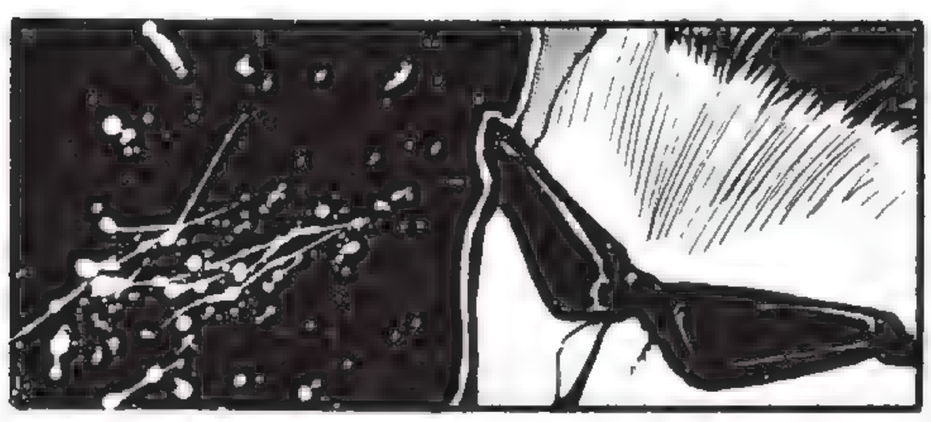
OUCH
GONNA COST A BIT TO REPAIR THIS FLOOR.

...ON A DEMON-STRATION.
WELL, SWEETIE... I'M SORRY, BUT YOUR MASTER INSISTS...

OH...



...BUT I'M NOT HAPPY DOING IT.

TWITCH

TWITCH

PHEW. THE CLIENT MAY HAVE ORDERED IT...

THAT'S SPLENDID! SIMPLY SPLENDID!!

HA HA HA HA!

HA HA...

HEH...

I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.

YOU'LL BE MY PERSONAL BODYGUARD!!

I'LL DOUBLE YOUR FEE! TRIPLE IT!

THE AUCTION IS ALL SET, SIR...

SAKA-SHITA!! GET ON THE PHONE!

NO PARKING!

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE AUCTION!

...BUT I'M A TIMID GUY AT HEART.

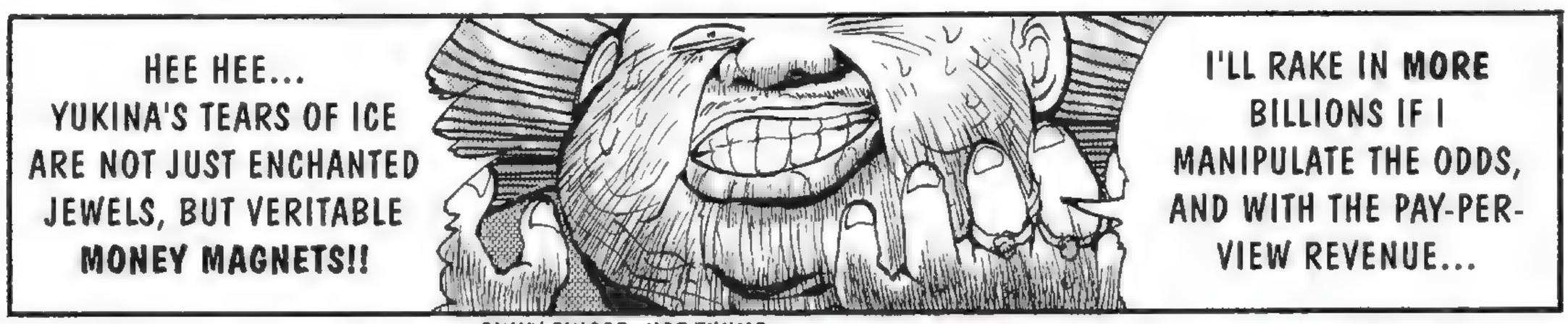
20% PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DONE...

...YOU BEAT HELEN WITH ONLY A THIRD OF YOUR STRENGTH?!

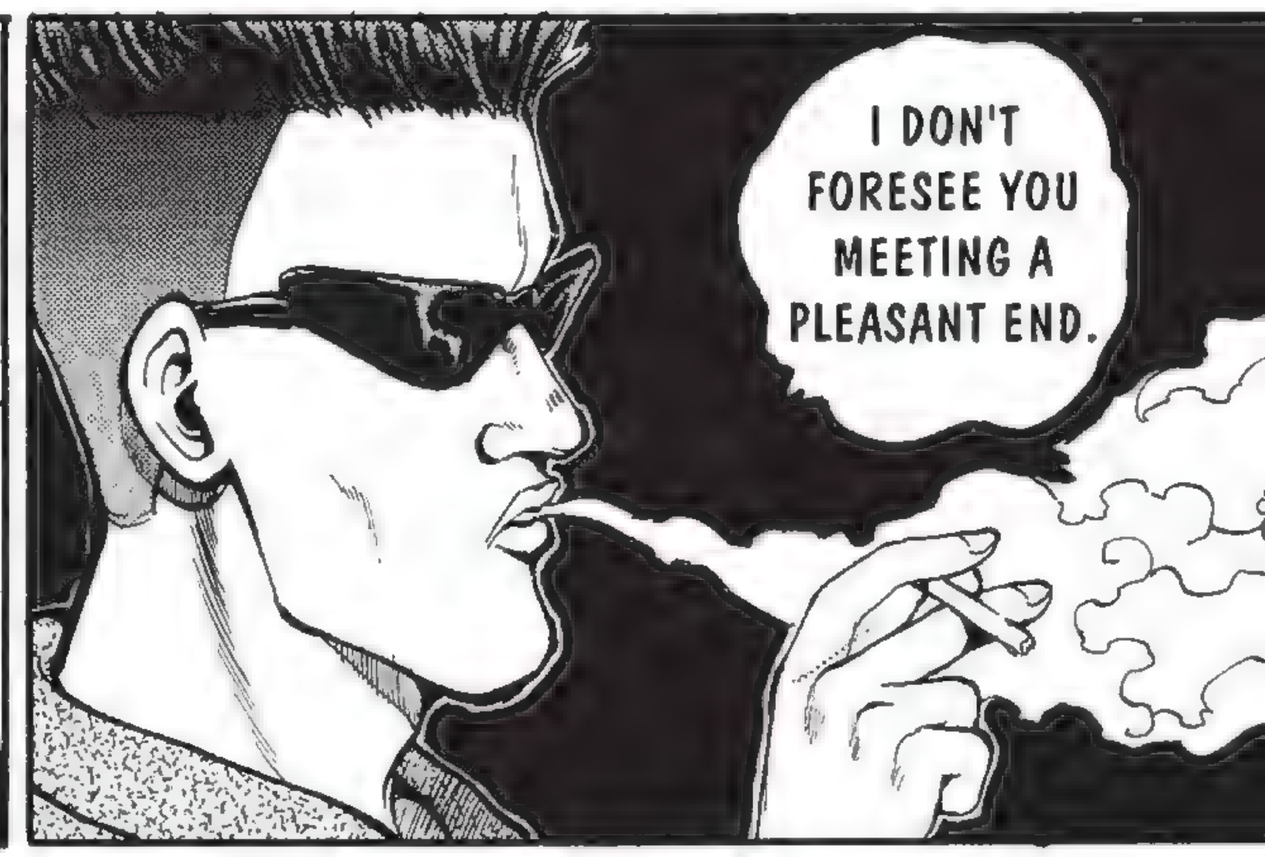
BY THE WAY, WHEN YOU SAID 30%, DID YOU MEAN...

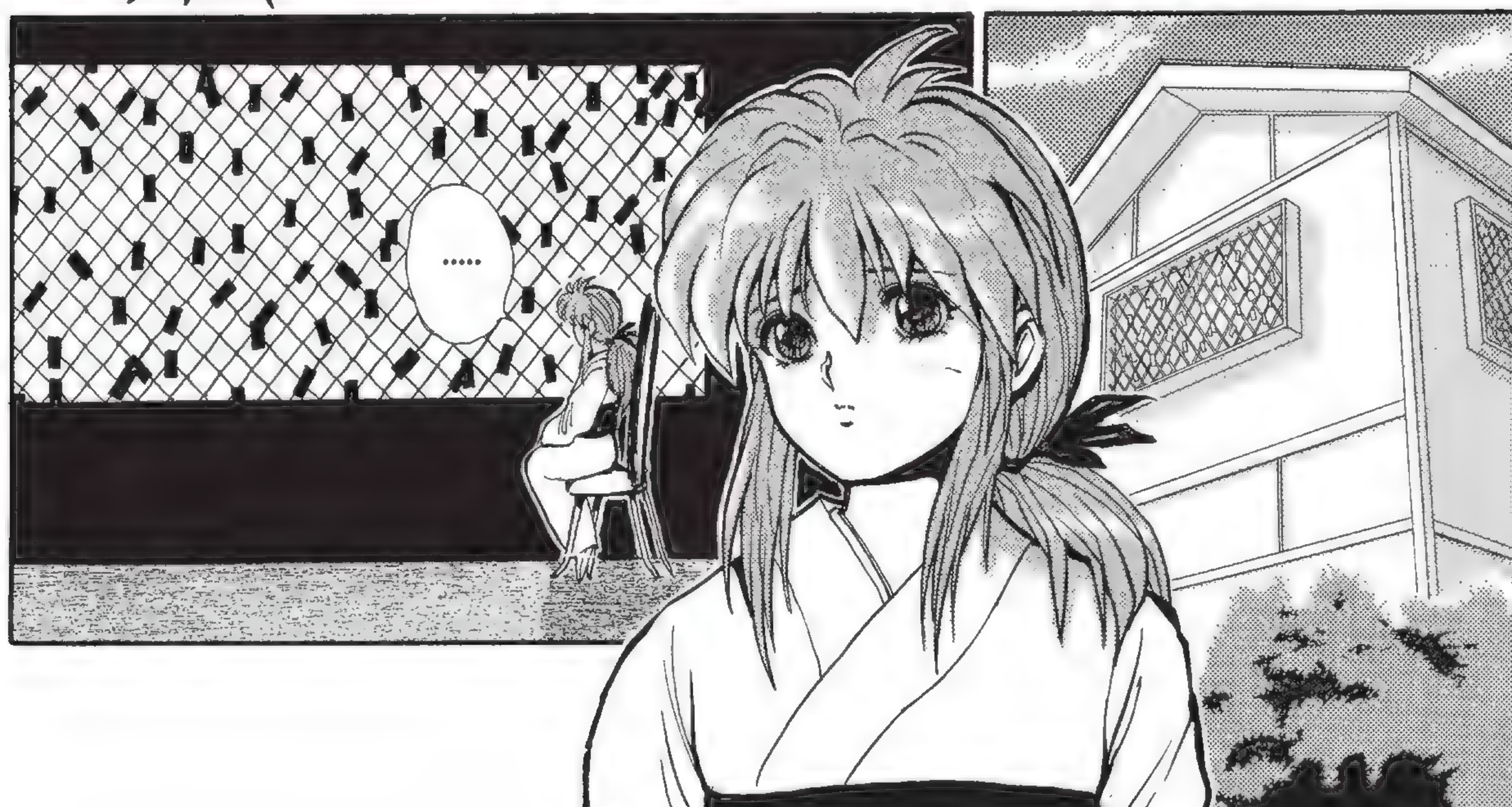
THAT'S 'BOUT IT.

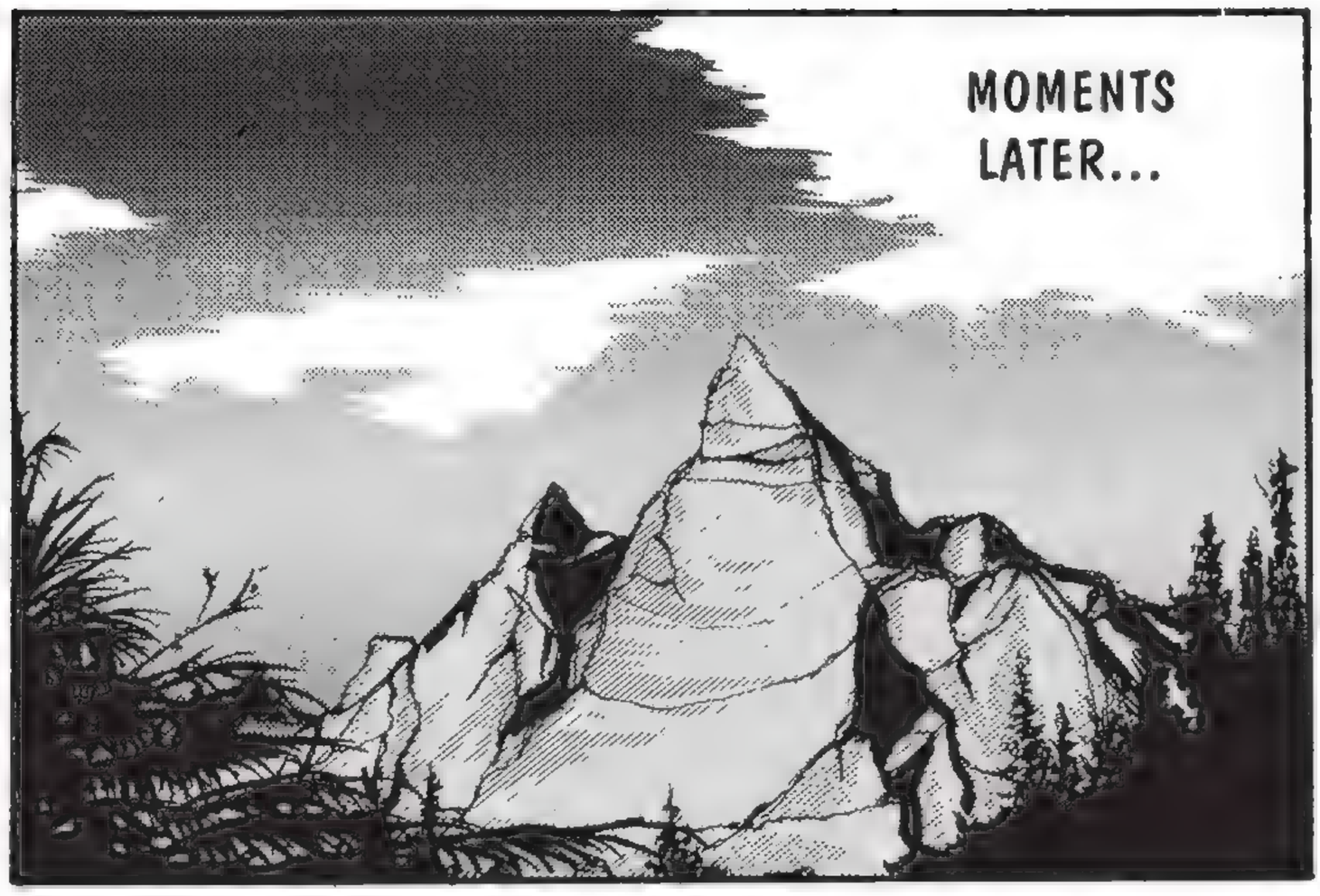
I WANT YOU TO CALL THE BLACK BOOK CLUB!!

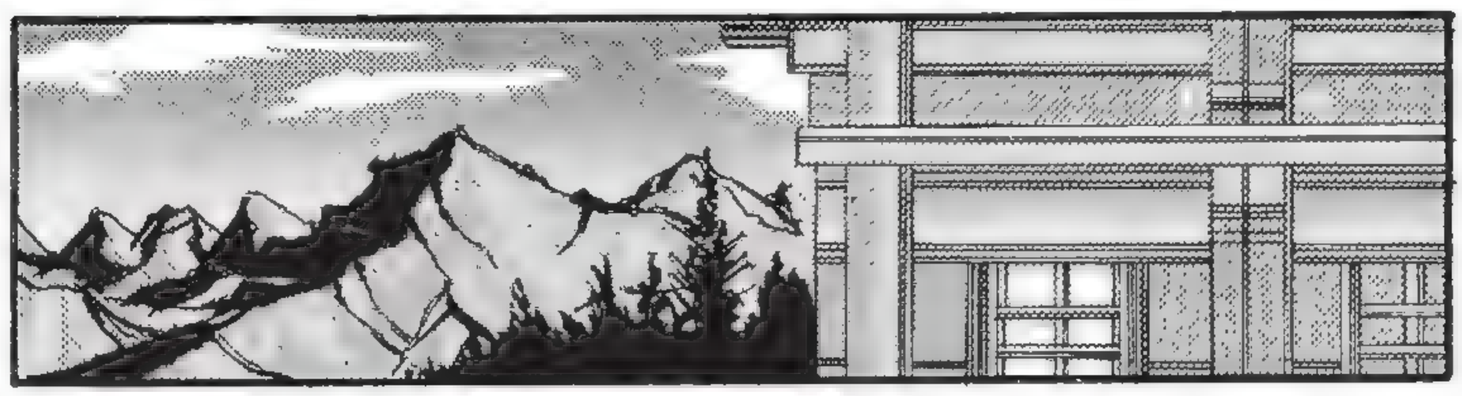


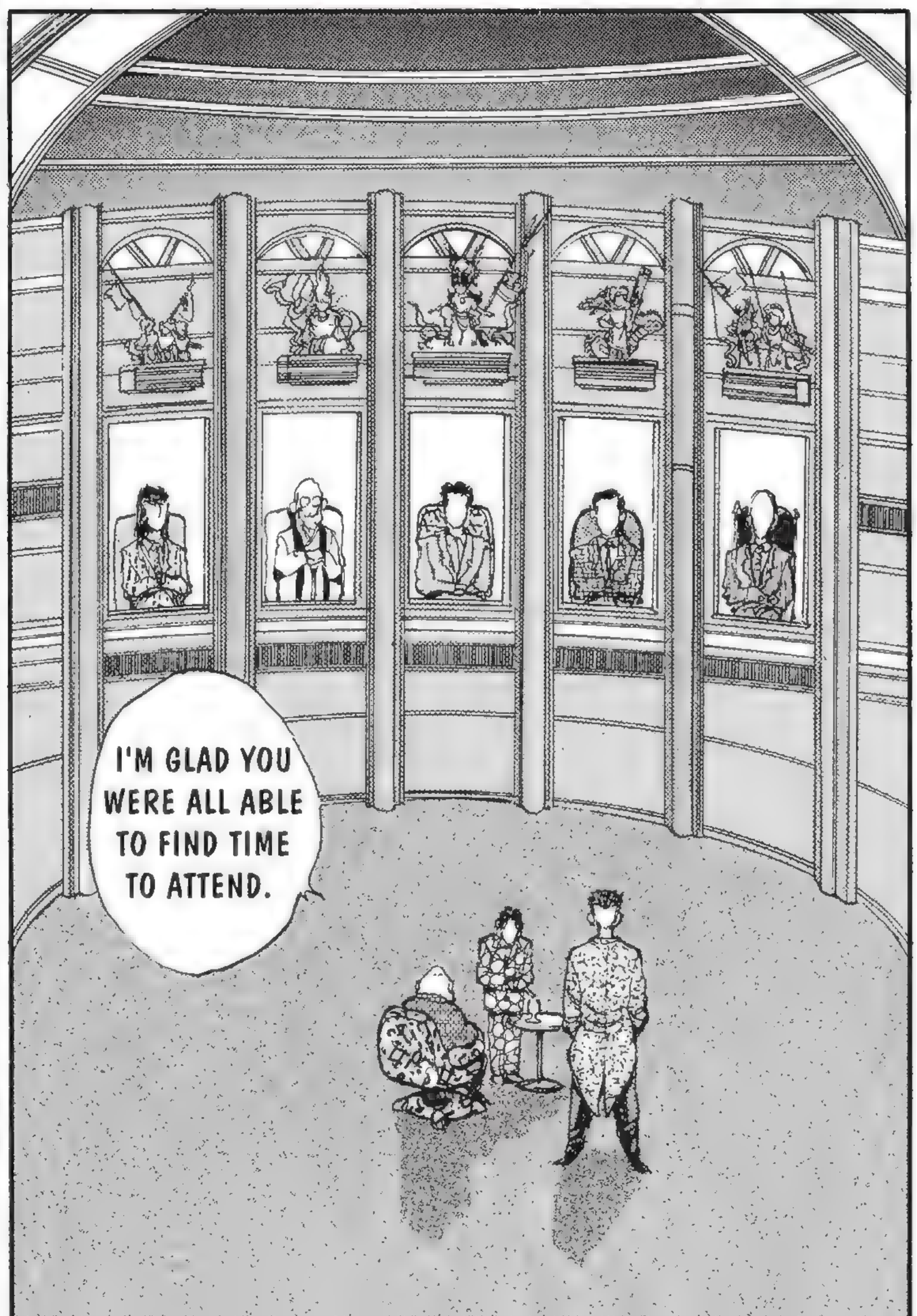
PINKY FINGER, NOT THUMB

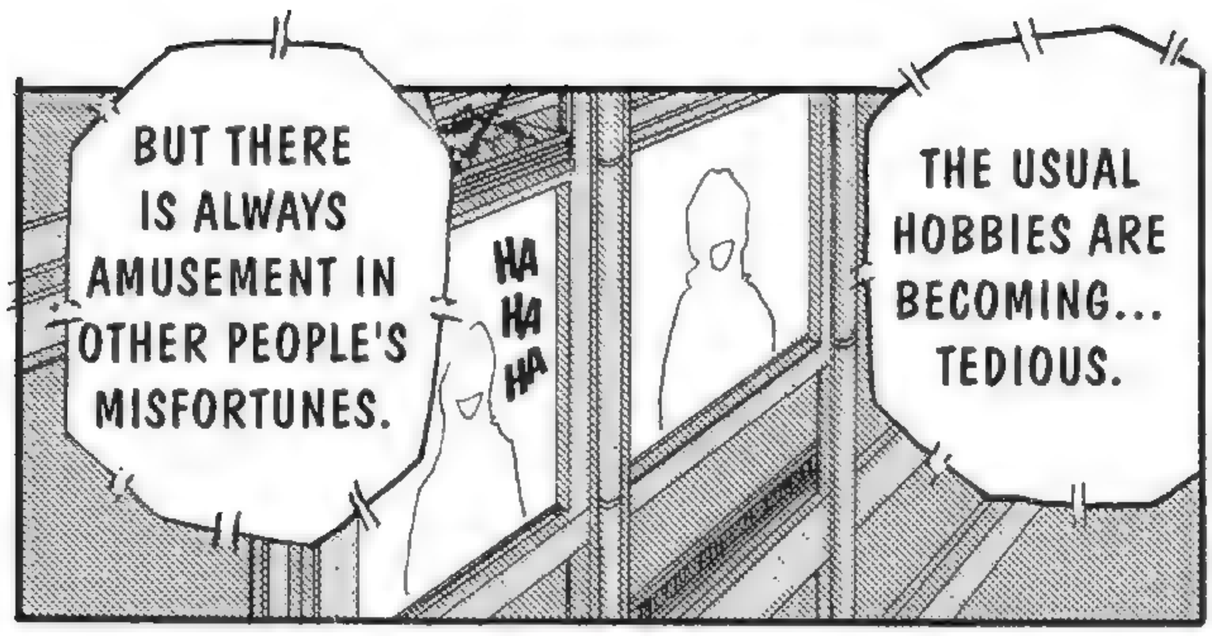




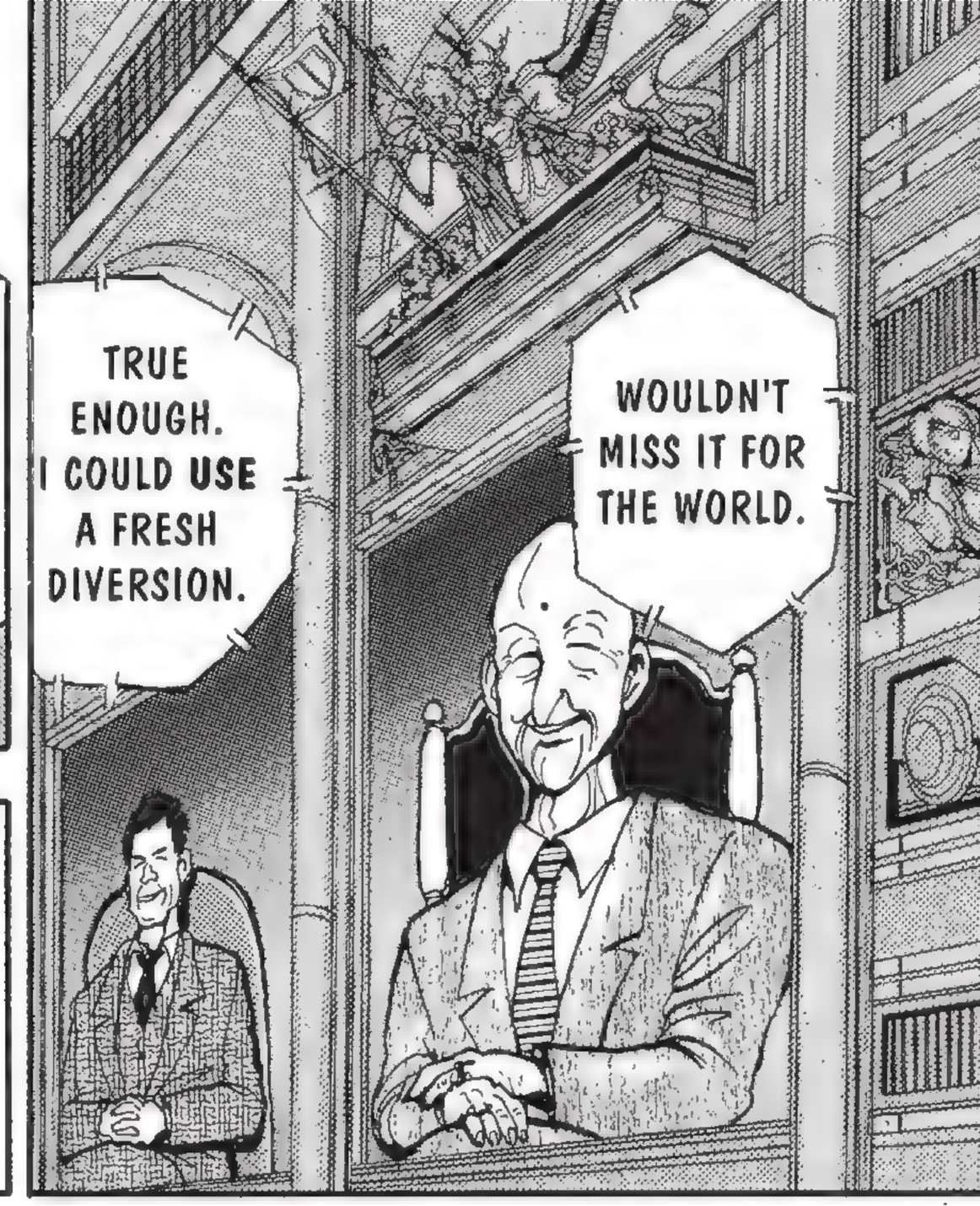

MOMENTS LATER...

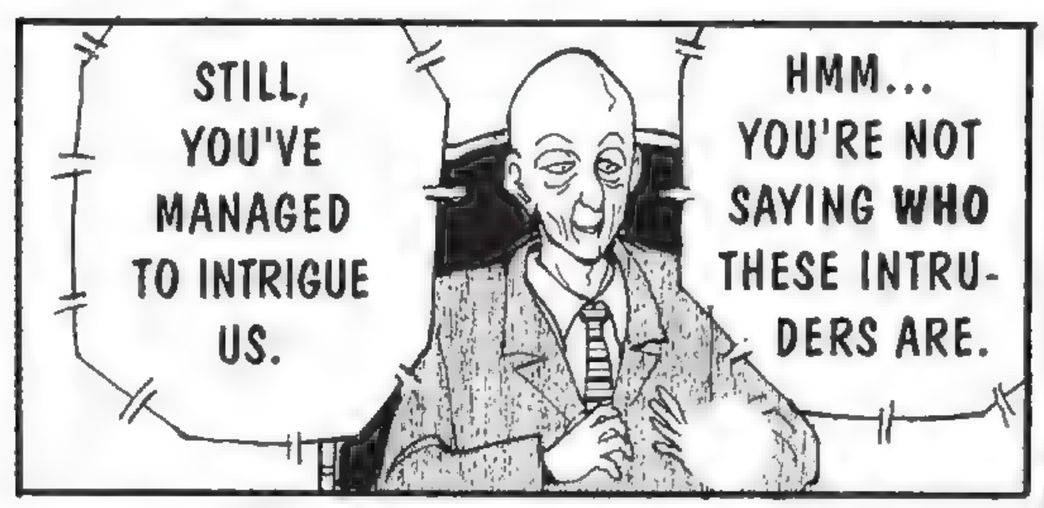


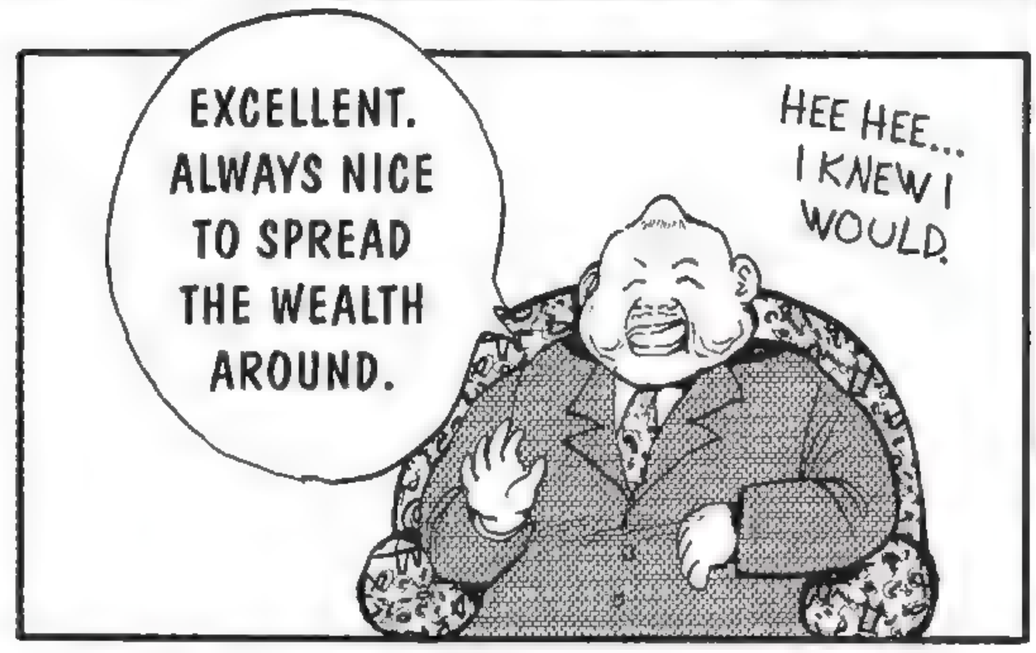

I'M GLAD YOU WERE ALL ABLE TO FIND TIME TO ATTEND.

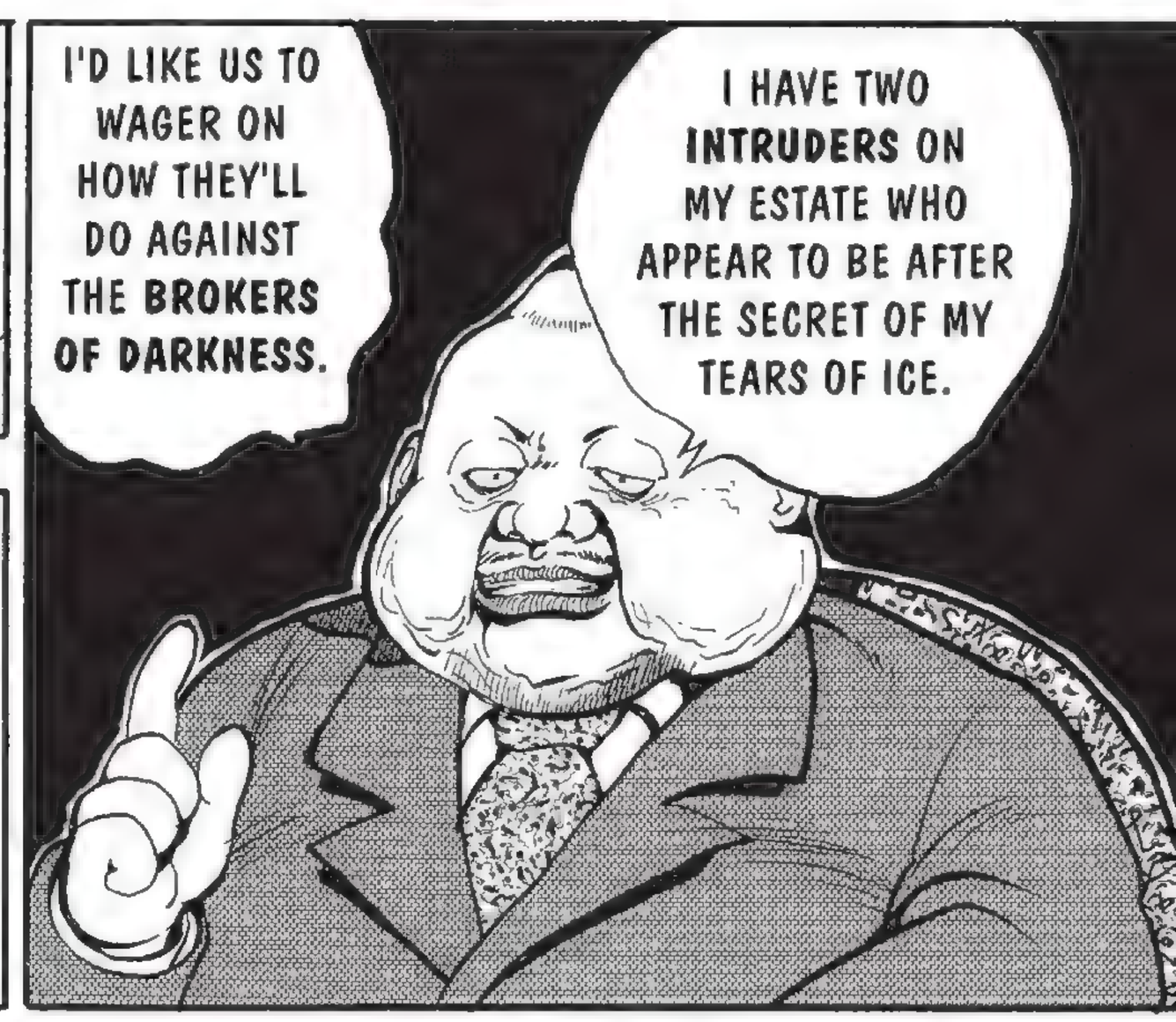

BUT THERE IS ALWAYS AMUSEMENT IN OTHER PEOPLE'S MISFORTUNES.
HA HA HA
THE USUAL HOBBIES ARE BECOMING... TEDIOUS.

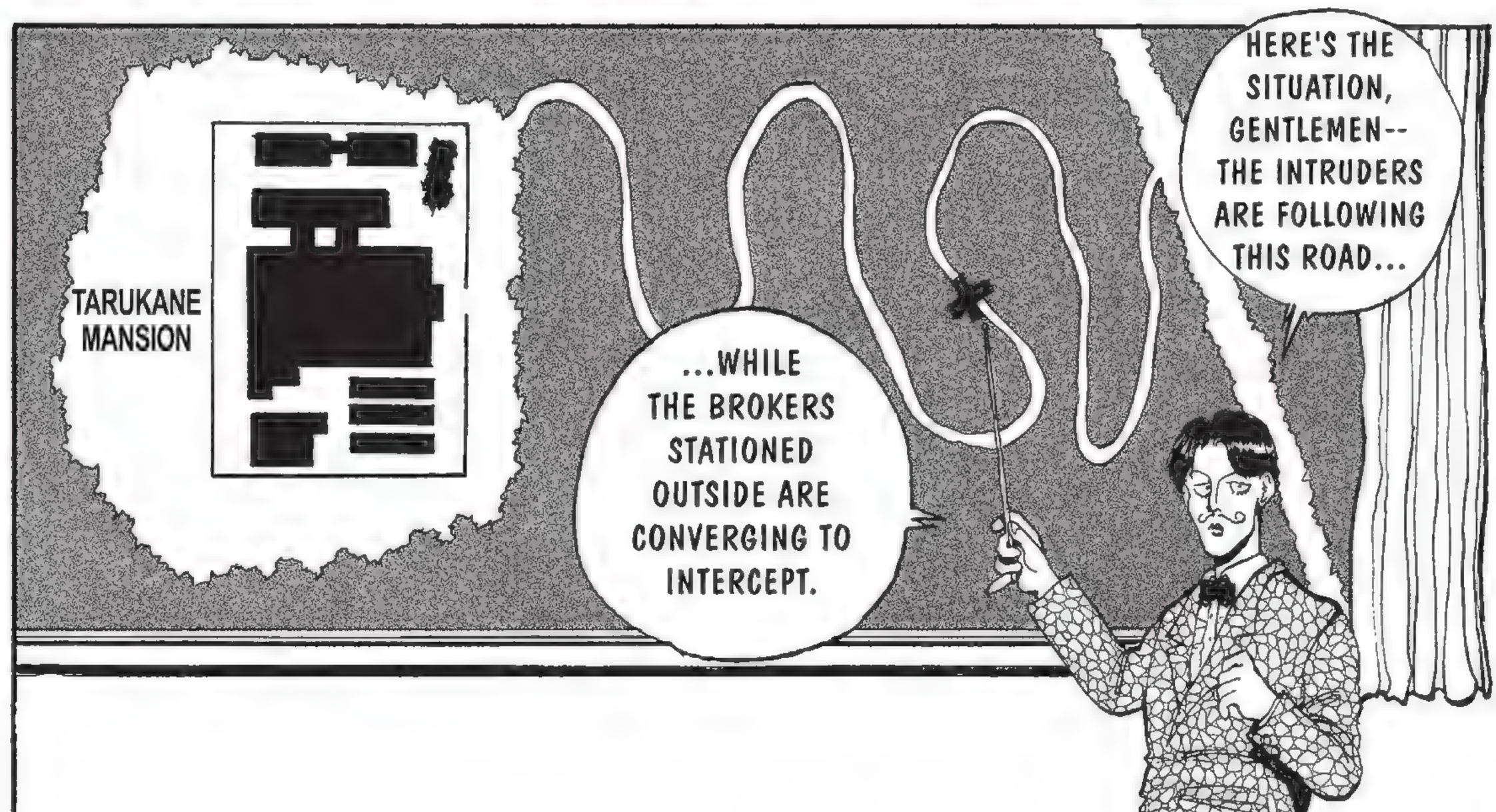
...WHAT'S ON THE CARD TODAY?
SO...


TRUE ENOUGH. I COULD USE A FRESH DIVERSION.
WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR THE WORLD.


STILL, YOU'VE MANAGED TO INTRIGUE US.
HMM... YOU'RE NOT SAYING WHO THESE INTRU-DERS ARE.


EXCELLENT. ALWAYS NICE TO SPREAD THE WEALTH AROUND.
HEE HEE... I KNEW I WOULD.


I'D LIKE US TO WAGER ON HOW THEY'LL DO AGAINST THE BROKERS OF DARKNESS.
I HAVE TWO INTRUDERS ON MY ESTATE WHO APPEAR TO BE AFTER THE SECRET OF MY TEARS OF ICE.


TARUKANE MANSION
...WHILE THE BROKERS STATIONED OUTSIDE ARE CONVERGING TO INTERCEPT.
HERE'S THE SITUATION, GENTLEMEN-- THE INTRUDERS ARE FOLLOWING THIS ROAD...

EACH IS CAPABLE OF WIPING OUT A SQUAD OF ARMY SPECIAL FORCES.

I HAVE 12 MEN OUTSIDE, AND THREE IN THE MANSION.

THE EVENT IS TWO INTRUDERS VS. THE 12 BROKERS OUTSIDE.

SHALL WE BEGIN?

YOU'RE **REALLY** OUT TO **FLEECE US** FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF WATCHING THE SLAUGHTER!!

AH, I SEE... THE BETTING IS JUST TO SPICE THINGS UP.

EVER THE BUSINESS-MAN.

.....

SAME HERE — 200 MILLION.

200 MILLION YEN ON THE **BROKERS!**

I BET **250 MILLION** ON THE BROKERS!!

THIS WILL PAY OUT **TWICE** THE AMOUNT ANTED BY THE WINNER.

I'VE HEARD THAT RANDO AND SUZAKU, DEMONS OF CONSIDERABLE STATURE, WERE RECENTLY TAKEN DOWN BY TWO HUMAN BOYS. IF THESE ARE THE INTRUDERS, OUR GUYS MAY BE FACING MORE THAN THEY CAN HANDLE.

HEE HEE... THEY FELL FOR IT. THE REPUTATION OF THE BROKERS IS QUITE PERSUASIVE...

HEH

I BET FIVE BILLION... ON THE INTRUDERS!!

RUMOR HAS IT TWO HUMAN BOYS HAVE BEEN GOING AROUND STAMPING OUT DEMONS.
BECAUSE THERE ARE TWO OF THEM.

HOW CAN ANY SANE PERSON EXPECT TWO HUMANS TO BEAT A DOZEN DEMONS?
MUTTER MUTTER
ARE YOU CRAZY?!

!

NERTS!! TRUST THAT SHREWD PUNK TO KEEP HIS EAR TO THE GROUND!!
HA HA... YOUNG SAKYO, ALWAYS THE GAMBLER.

SIX MORE OF MY MEN HAVE GONE THE WAY OF THE FIRST.
THESE HUMANS ARE GOOD.

WHAT NOW?!
MM...!!

SIX DOWN!!

WE'RE READY FOR YOU NOW!!

YOU GOT LUCKY, HUMAN SCUM!!

CLASSIC REDSHIRTS...

OUTTA MY WAY! I'M BURNIN' WITH ROMANTIC FURY!!

HE'S CRANKED TO 11!

SNOWGIRL

STUFF IT, YOU PUG-UGLIES!

SMASH
YOU ASKED FOR IT! HEE-YAH!!
BOOM

NEXT?!!

DAM

SIX MORE, IN UNDER SIX SECONDS...
.....

...YESSIR.
UH...
SAKASHITA, PREPARE SAKYO'S PAYMENT.

THAT'S 10 BILLION FOR ME. NICE...
SO MUCH FOR THAT.

NEXT UP: THE OGRE TRIAD!!

I'M HERE, SNOWGIRL!! I'LL SAVE YOU!!
WHERE MY HEART'S DESIRE IS CAGED.

.....
THAT MUST BE THE MANSION.

THOSE TALISMANS WE SAW IN THE VIDEO MUST SHIELD AGAINST MY SIXTH SENSE.
RIGHT. HMM... I DON'T PICK UP ANYTHING.
ON THE OTHER HAND, I'M PICKING UP THREE DEMONIC AURAS WAY STRONGER THAN THE DOZEN WE JUST WIPED OUT...

WONDER WHAT HE'D THINK IF HE KNEW HIS "SNOW-GIRL" IS HIEI'S SISTER?
YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONFIRM THAT SHE'S HERE.

I'VE GOT MY REIGUN RAPID-FIRE DOWN TO A SWEET SCIENCE.

THREE DEMONS LEFT, EH? WELL, THEY MAY BE POWERFUL, BUT I'M READY TO TAKE ON **ANYTHING.**

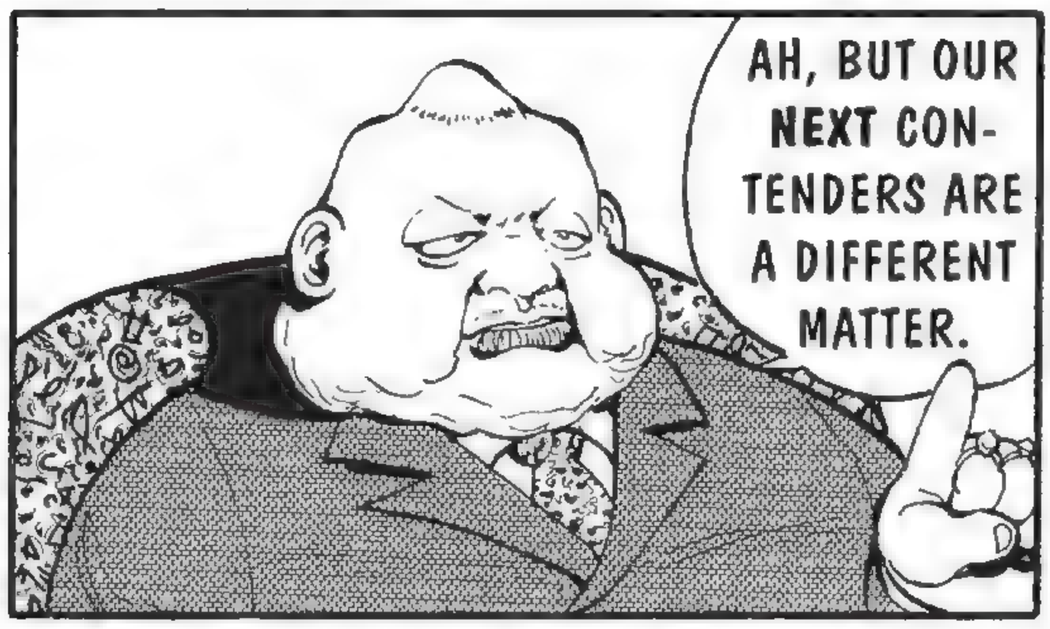
LET'S GO!!

...I FELT **NEW POWER** SURGING WITHIN ME AS SOON AS I RECOVERED FROM MY LAST INJURIES.

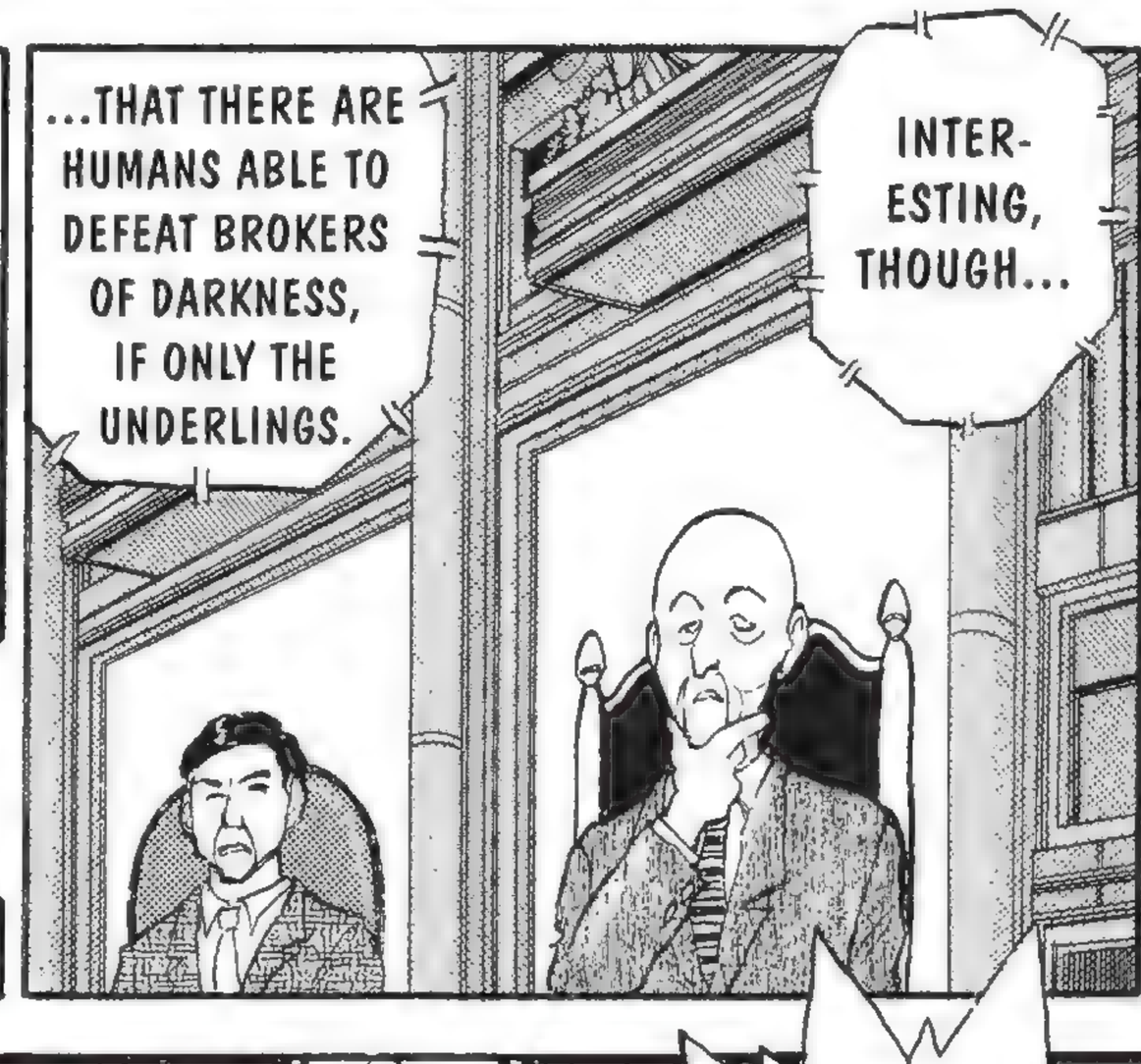
AND ME...

WE'VE GONE **UP** A LEVEL!!

...MR. TARUKANE.
LET US PROCEED...


AH, BUT OUR NEXT CONTENDERS ARE A DIFFERENT MATTER.

SNAP

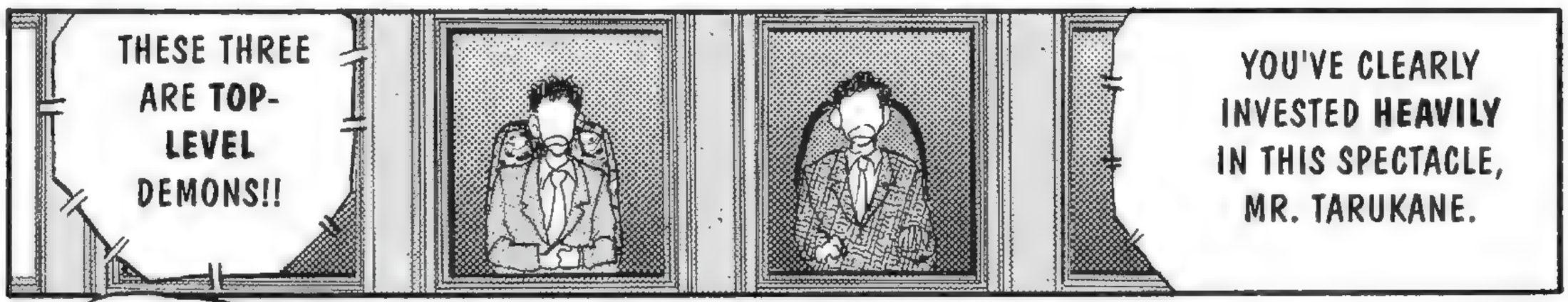

...THAT THERE ARE HUMANS ABLE TO DEFEAT BROKERS OF DARKNESS, IF ONLY THE UNDERLINGS.
INTER-ESTING, THOUGH...

THE OGRE TRIAD!!

VERTEX THREE: GOKUMON-KI.

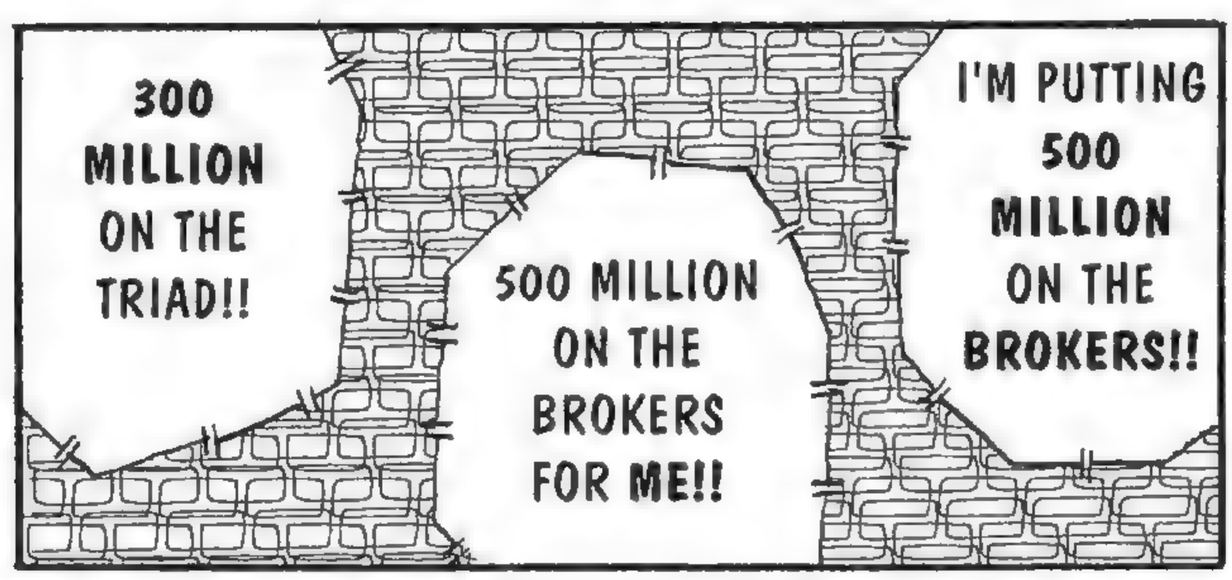
VERTEX TWO: INMA-KI.

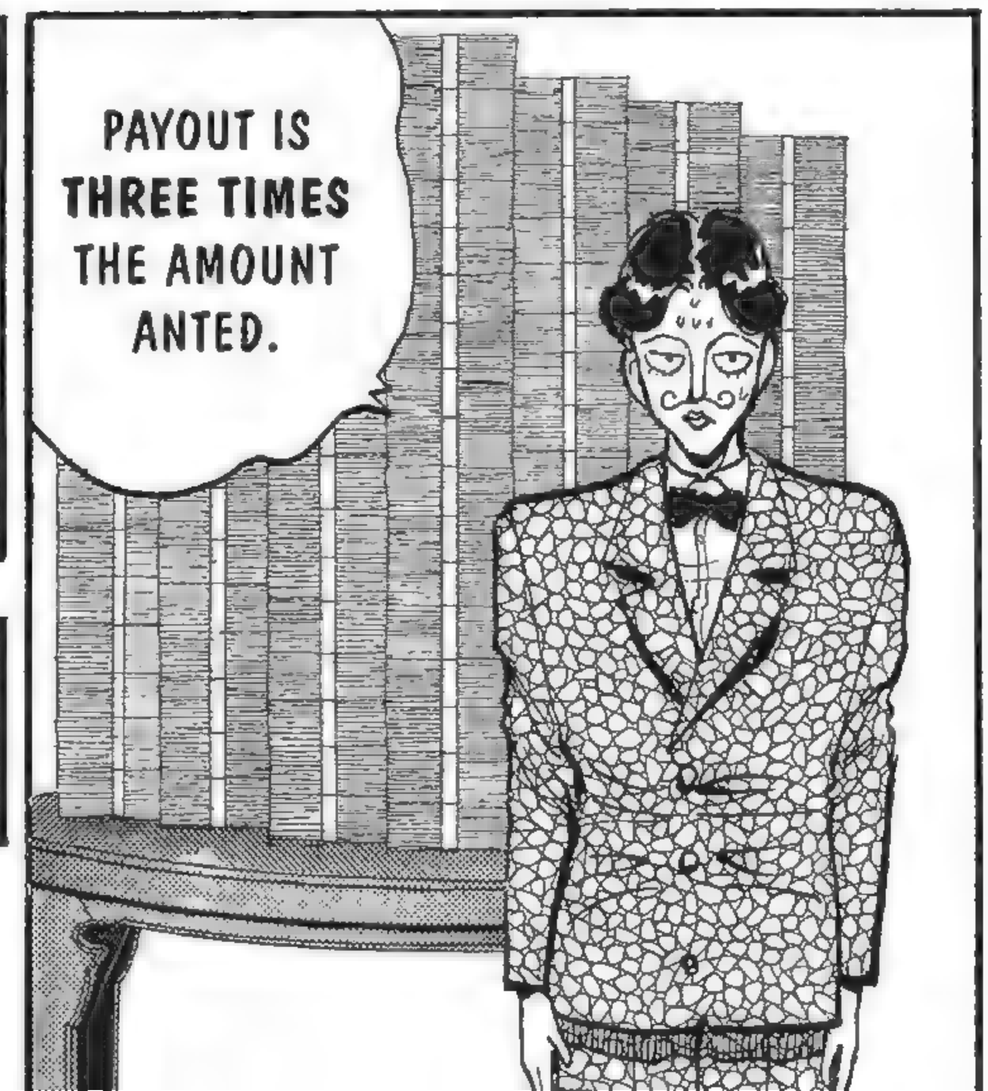
VERTEX ONE: MIYU-KI.


THESE THREE ARE TOP-LEVEL DEMONS!!
YOU'VE CLEARLY INVESTED HEAVILY IN THIS SPECTACLE, MR. TARUKANE.

PLACE YOUR BETS.
EXACTLY. SO, THE SECOND EVENT IS THE INTRUDERS VS. THE OGRE TRIAD.

THE SECRET OF THE TEARS OF ICE IS WORTH IT, EH?


300 MILLION ON THE TRIAD!!
500 MILLION ON THE BROKERS FOR ME!!
I'M PUTTING 500 MILLION ON THE BROKERS!!


PAYOUT IS THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT ANTED.

PUFF

TWENTY BILLION... ON THE INTRUDERS!!

DOOM

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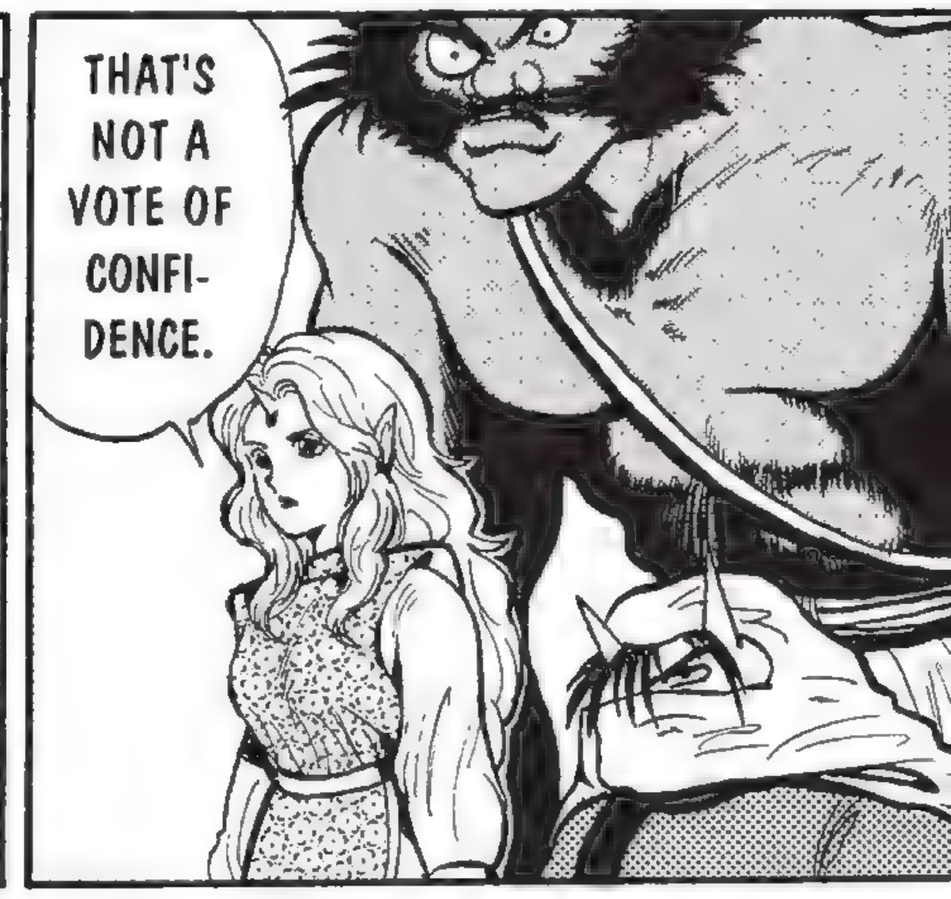
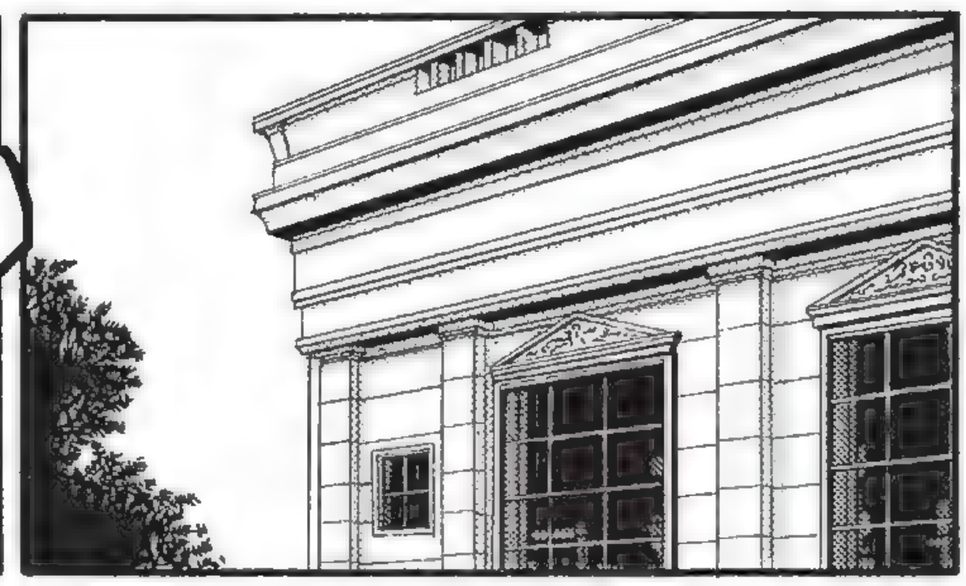
UKK

WHAT...?





BLAST! THEY'RE FAST!

KEEP FIRING!!

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ZZZZZ

TWUP

TWUP

GUNS ARE **USELESS** AGAINST THEM!

CRINGE!

TH-THEY'RE **NOT HUMAN!!**

STEP ASIDE.

PRE-CISELY.

EEE

IT'S OBVIOUS WHEN AND WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO SHOOT.

QUANTITY CAN'T REPLACE QUALITY, DUDES.

HELLO. I'M MIYUKI, OGRE TRIAD VERTEX ONE.

YIPES!!

BAM!

HAAH!!!

CHIVALRY ON YOUR PART DOESN'T MEAN MERCY ON MY PART.

THAT'S SWEET... BUT A MISTAKE.

I CAN'T FIGHT A GIRL!

SHE'S A GIRL!!

MAN OR WOMAN, YOUNG OR OLD... YOU WANT A FIGHT, I'LL GIVE YOU ONE.

I DON'T CARE.

DOOM

CHIVALRY? NEVER HEARD OF IT.

SHFF
BETTER MAKE SURE, FIRST...
HAAH!!
DASH
Y-YOU IMPER-TINENT WHELP!
!!
SILENCE!!
ARR!
BUT THAT SHOULD GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT YOU'RE UP AGAINST.
RUDE, I KNOW!
?

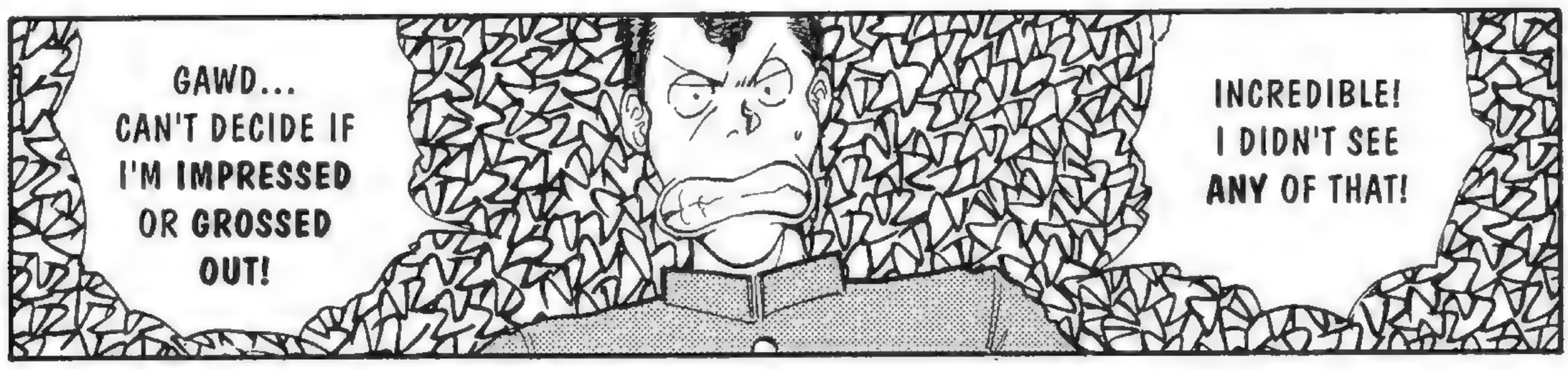
PURE EVIL HAUNTS TODAY

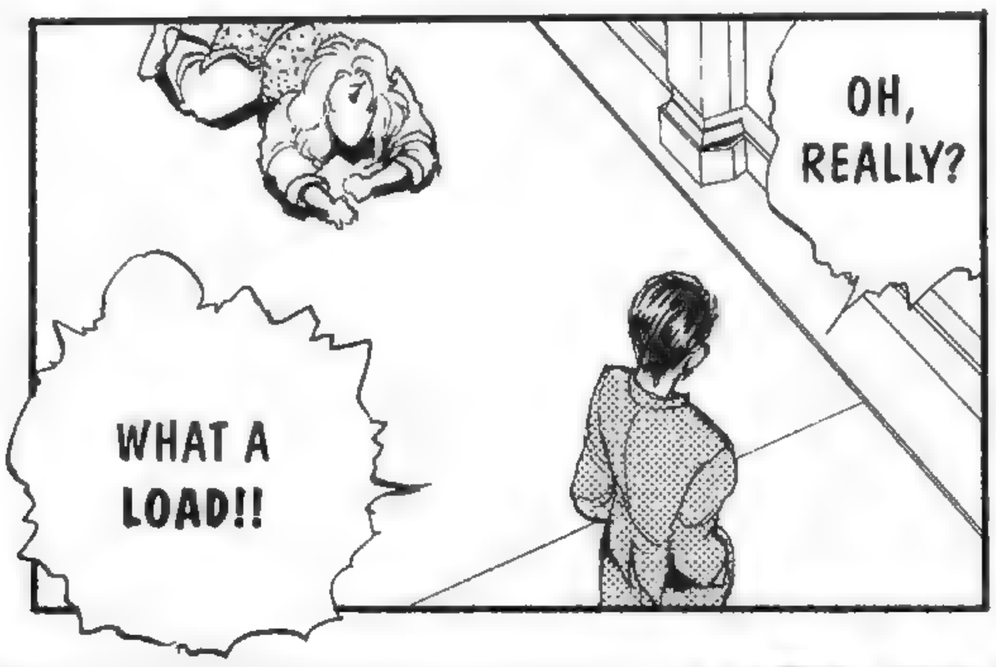
ALONG WITH HIS OTHER TALENTS, YUSUKE'S UNPARALLELED PICKPOCKET SKILLS HAVE BEEN GREATLY ENHANCED.

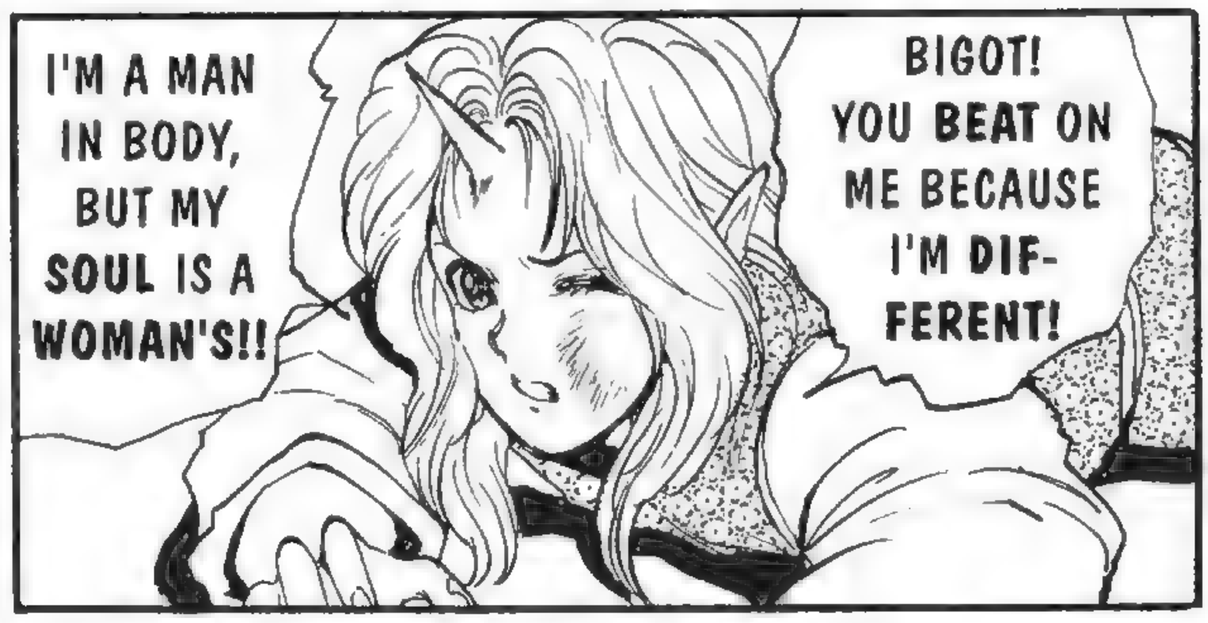
MOOSH

ON THAT FIRST PASS I DISCOVERED "HER" BUST WAS EITHER AN IMPLANT OR PADDING...

...AND THAT "SHE" WAS PACKIN' MIGHTY HEAVY DOWN-STAIRS.

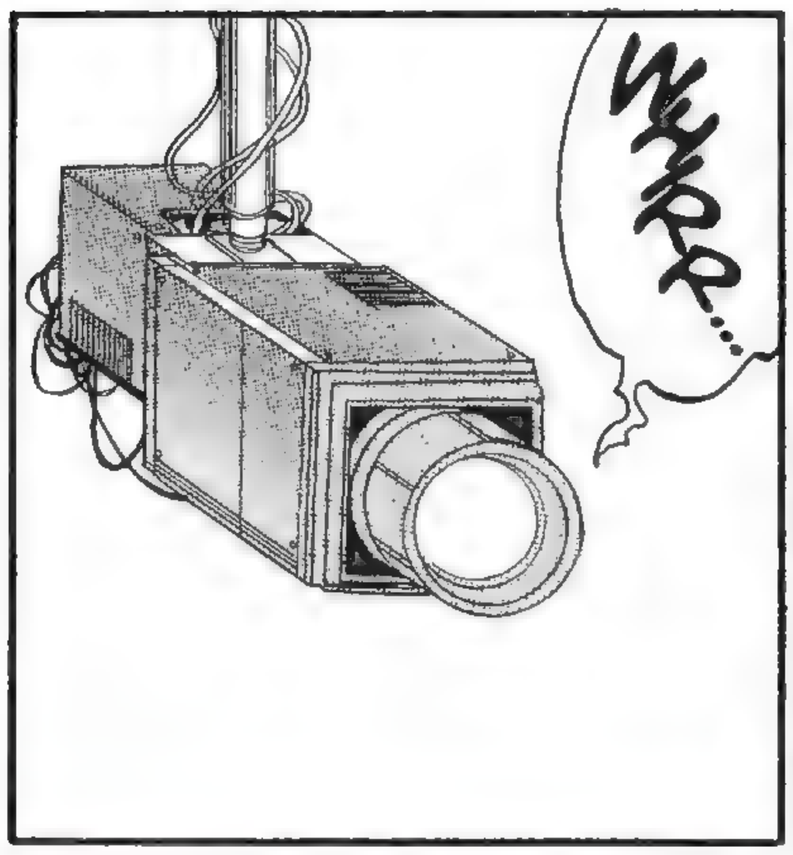






YOU MIGHT WANNA DO THAT BEFORE YOU GET INTO ANY MORE FIGHTS!!

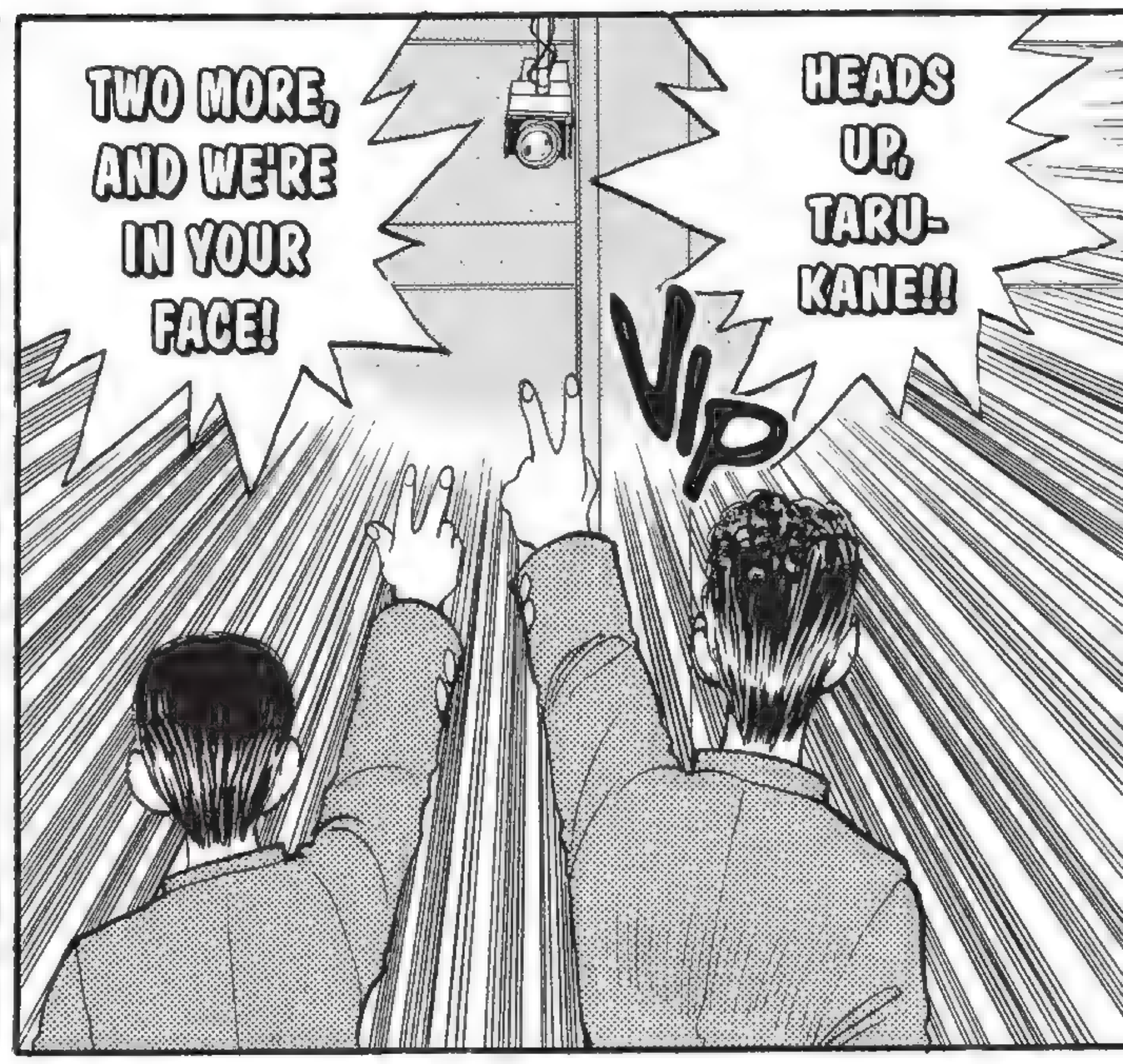
YOU'RE NOT A REAL CROSS-DRESSER— YOU JUST CAN'T MAKE UP YOUR MIND!

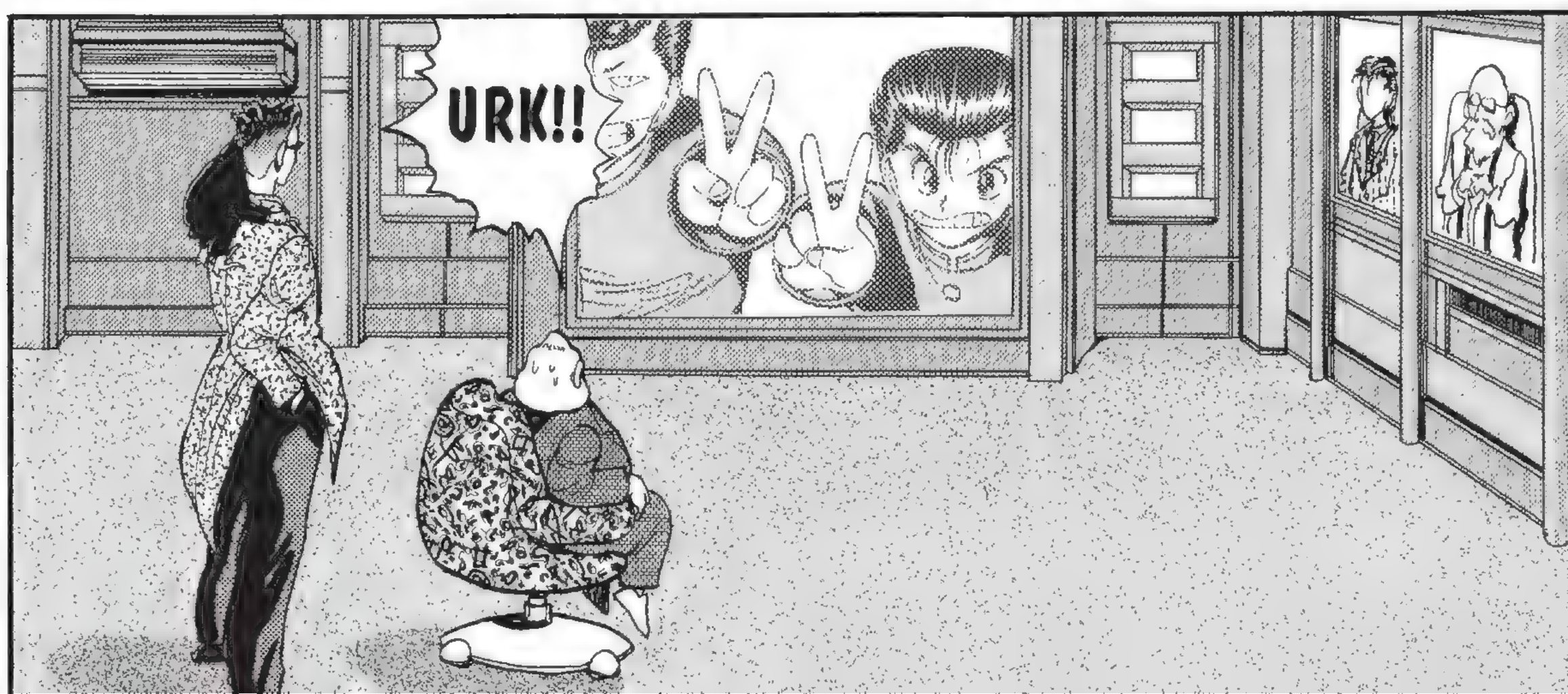

WHRR...

SLUMP
YOU'RE SO RIGHT...

GASP!

HEH

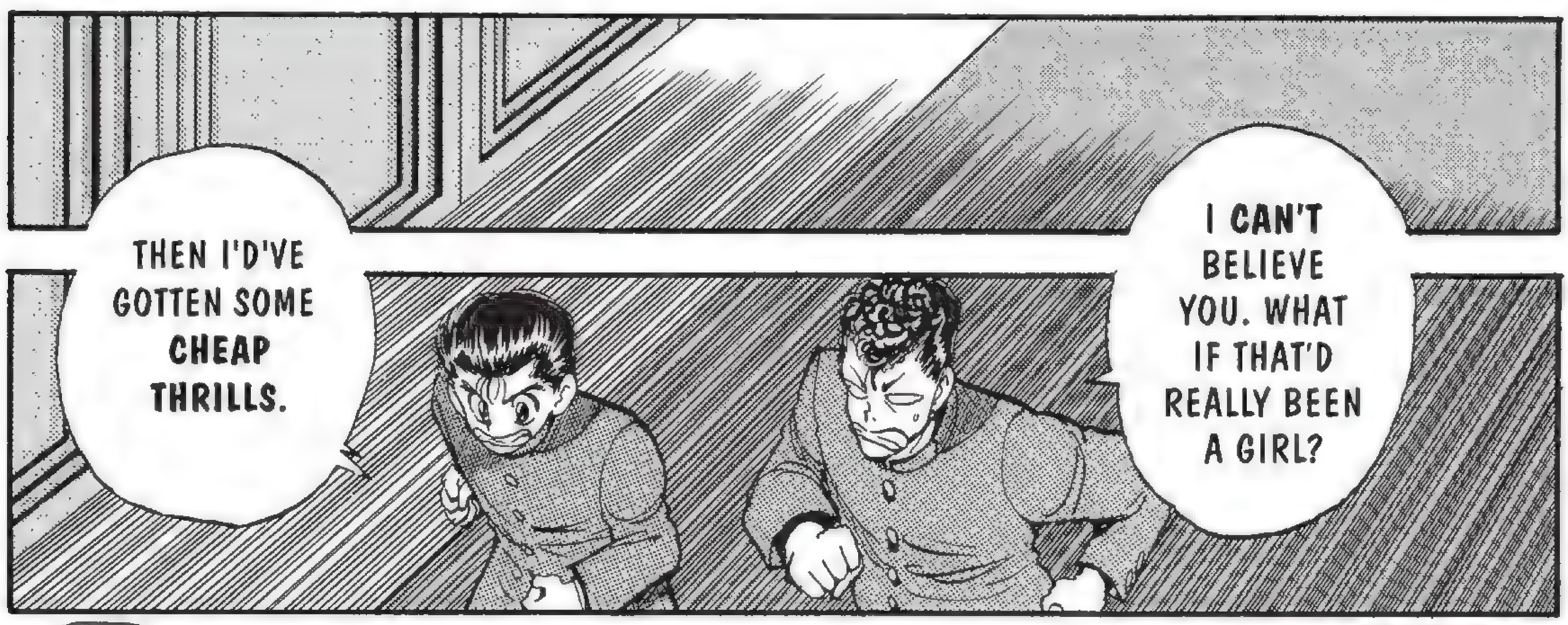

TWO MORE, AND WE'RE IN YOUR FACE!
HEADS UP, TARU-KANE!!
VIP


URK!!

PERHAPS THIS IS GETTING A LITTLE TOO... INTENSE FOR YOU?
YOU LOOK PALE, MR. TARUKANE.

THAT RUMOR'S GAINING CREDI-BILITY.
THEY ARE BOYS!!

HA HA... WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED.


THEN I'D'VE GOTTEN SOME CHEAP THRILLS.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU. WHAT IF THAT'D REALLY BEEN A GIRL?

WELL, THERE'S THIS CD I'VE COVETED...
ARE YOU SAYIN' YOU'D TELL HER?!

!!

YUKIMURA'D LOVE TO HEAR THAT.

UNH!

LOOK OUT!!

SLASH

GREETINGS! I'M VERTEX TWO: INMAKI!!

HEH HEH...

FFFT

FLIP

VIP

VIP

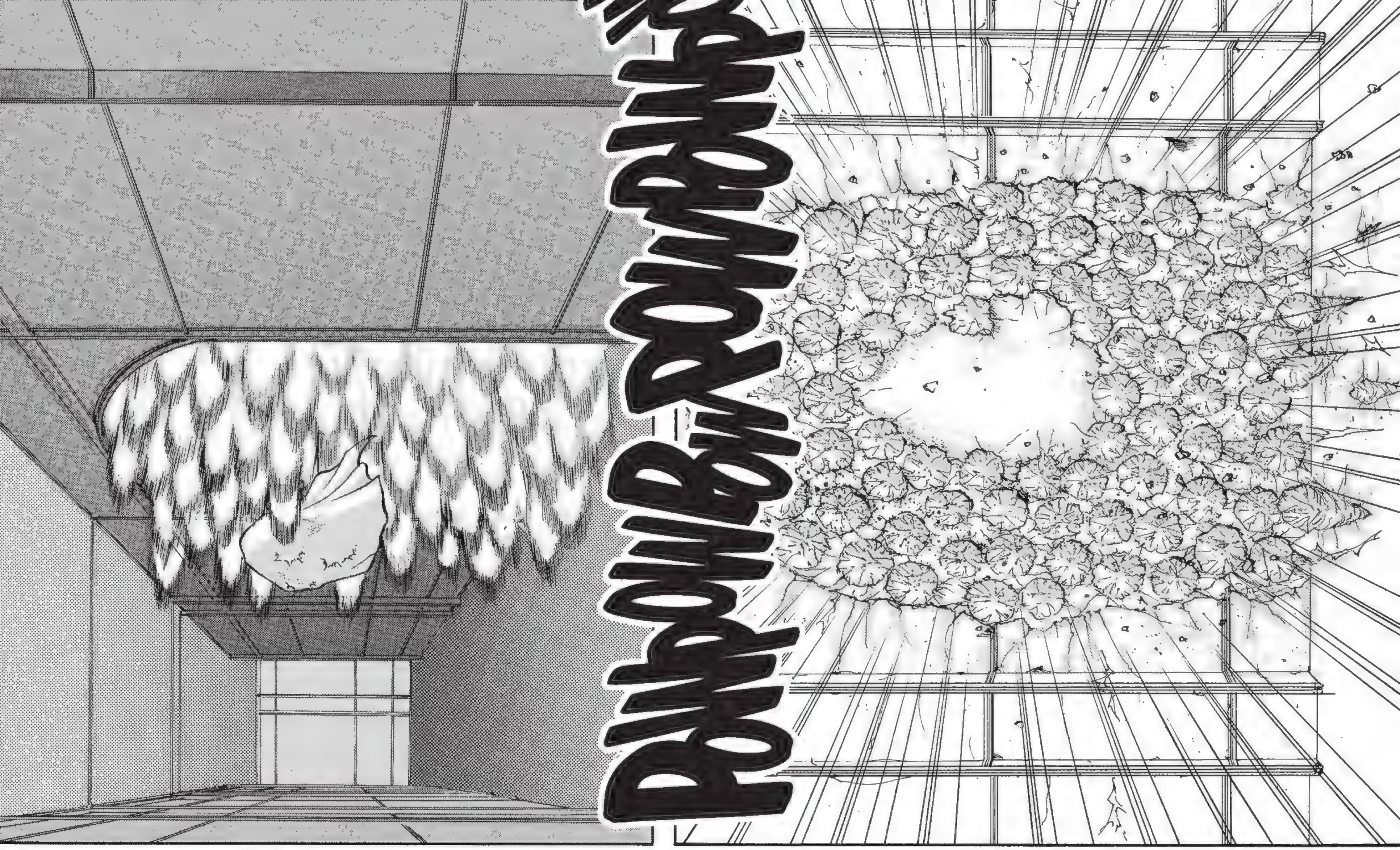
VIP

VIP

DIDYA SEE THAT?! HIS CAPE —

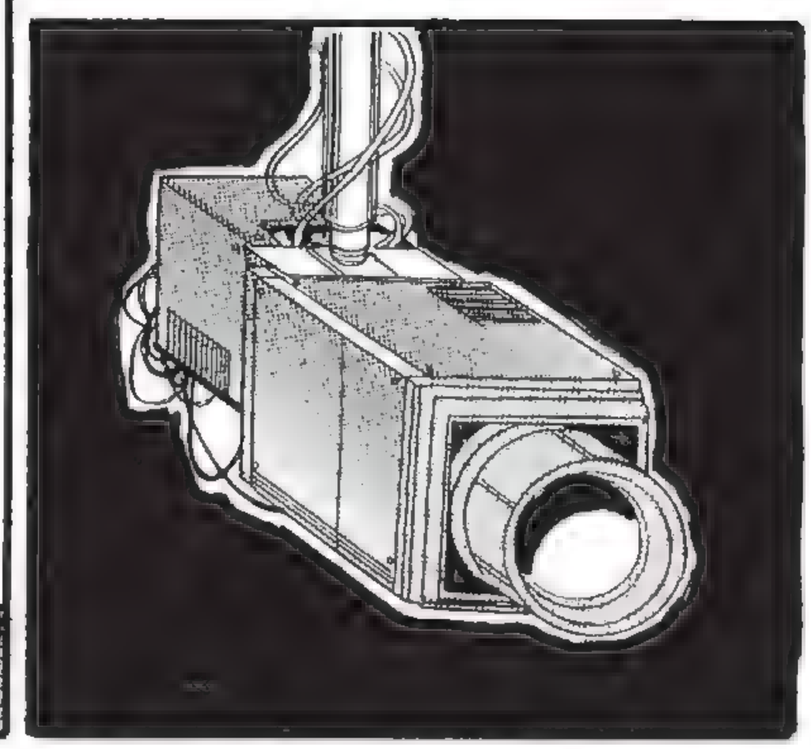
— IT MADE HIM INVIS-IBLE!!

SLASH!!
YAAH!!
CAN YOU PINPOINT HIM?!
NO! HE'S TOO FAST! DIRECTION KEEPS SHIFTING!
CAN'T FIGHT WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE.
HEH HEH...
CRIPES! LET'S SCRAM!!
FLIP
!
NOW, URA-MESHI!!
SCOOT...
IT'S NO USE!
DASH

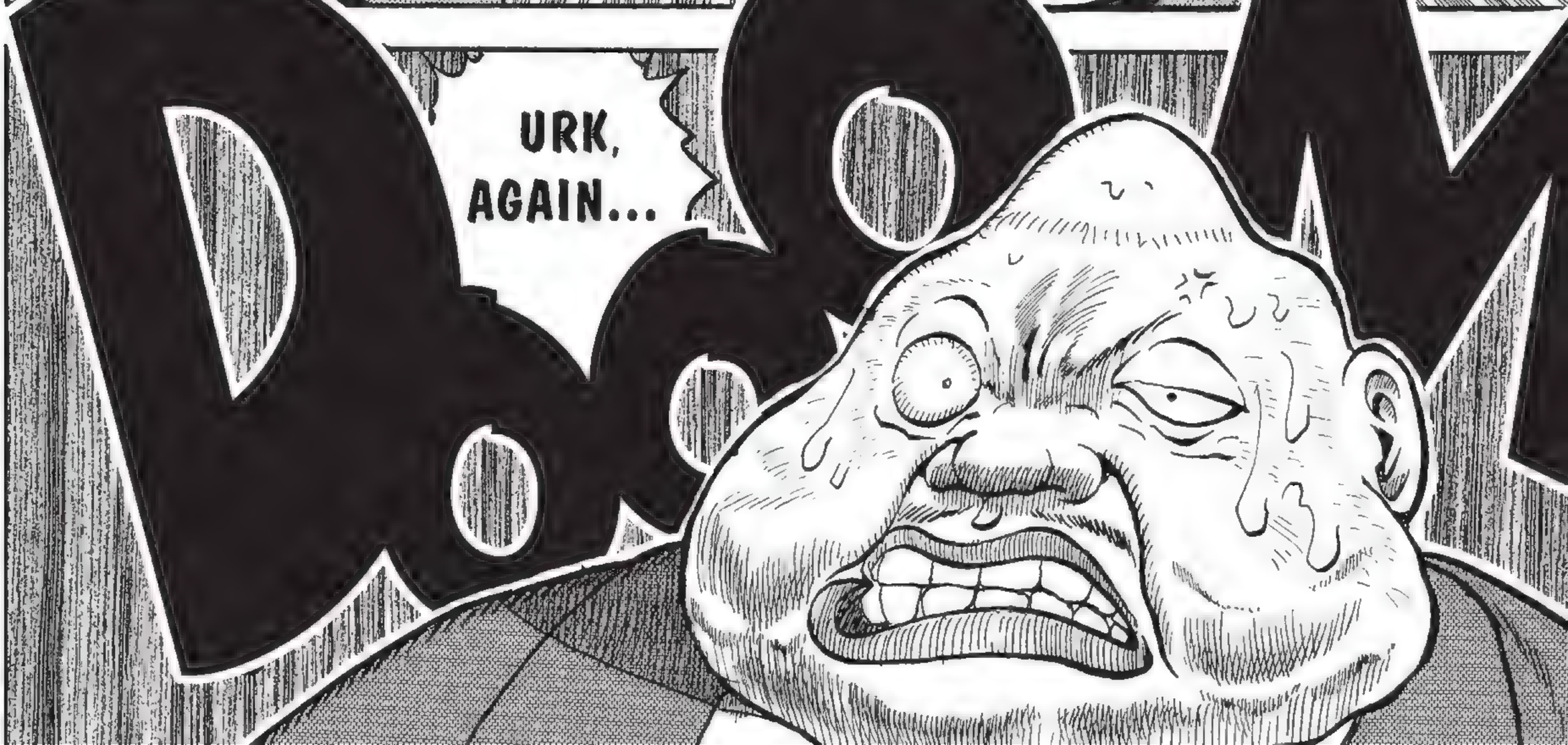

RANDOM RUN

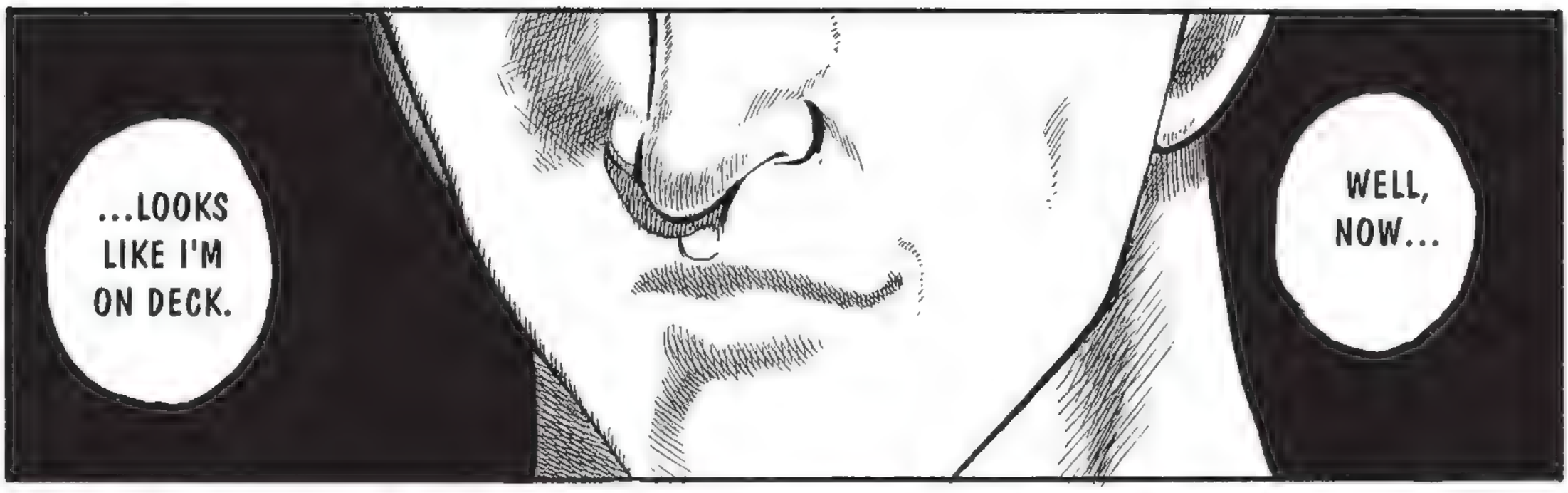
WHAM
SLUMP...
H... HOW...?
...QUANTITY CAN BE USEFUL.
THEN AGAIN...
ONCE KUWABARA GAVE THE SIGNAL, I JUST FILLED THAT DOORWAY WITH REIKI BLASTS...
...SOME OF WHICH WERE BOUND TO HIT.
THAT CAPE HID YOU FROM SIGHT, BUT NOT MY SIXTH SENSE.
AN' YOU'RE NOT MUCH TO SPEAK OF ONCE YOU LOSE THE ADVANTAGE OF INVISIBILITY.

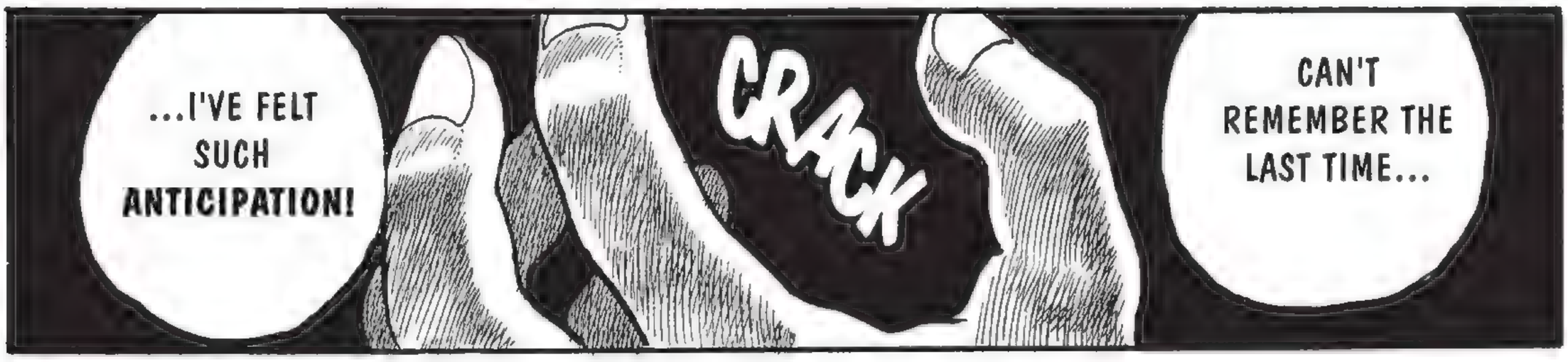
HEH



ONE LEFT!!


URK, AGAIN...


...LOOKS LIKE I'M ON DECK.
WELL, NOW...


...I'VE FELT SUCH ANTICIPATION!
CRACK
CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME...

HOPE I GET MY SHOT.
BOOK

DICE ROSHAMBOXING

("ROLLING FOR ROSHAMBOXING" OR JUST "ROSHAMBOXING"
--ROSHAMBO IS A FANCY NAME FOR ROCK - PAPER - SCISSORS)

1) FIRST, PLAY ROCK - PAPER - SCISSORS; THE WINNER GETS TO MAKE ONE ATTACK.
2) THE WINNER ROLLS THE DIE TO DETERMINE THE TYPE OF PUNCH.

DIE ROLL	PUNCH TYPE	ATTACK VALUE
1	JAB	1
2		
3	STRAIGHT	2
4	KO PUNCH	4
5	HOOK	2
6	UPPERCUT	2

ONCE YOU KNOW THE TYPE OF PUNCH, SUBTRACT THE NUMBER OF ITS ATTACK VALUE FROM YOUR OPPONENT'S HP.

*SPECIAL RULE: A BOXER'S "BEST PUNCH" ATTACK VALUE BECOMES A 3. (FOR EXAMPLE, WHITE TIGER'S "BEST PUNCH" IS AN UPPERCUT, SO HIS UPPERCUTS ARE WORTH A 3.)

3) REPEAT STEPS (1) AND (2) THREE TIMES TO COMPLETE ONE ROUND.

(THAT MEANS IF YOU LOSE IN ROCK - PAPER - SCISSORS ALL THREE TIMES, YOU CAN'T ATTACK AT ALL IN THAT ROUND.)

4) YOUR HP WILL RECOVER BY TWO POINTS AT THE END OF EACH ROUND (IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN KO'ED).

(IF YOUR HP BAR IS FULL, IT DOESN'T INCREASE FURTHER.)

REPEAT STEPS (1)-(4). THE ONE WHOSE HP GOES DOWN TO ZERO FIRST GETS KO'ED.

THE LAST GAMBLE!!

YOUR TIME'S RUN OUT, TARUKANE!!

I DIDN'T EVEN INTRO-DUCE MYSELF...

THAT'S THREE!!

THUD

...THEY'D BE THIS POWERFUL!!

I HAD NO IDEA...

...IN NO TIME FLAT!!

THEY TOOK DOWN THE OGRE TRIAD...

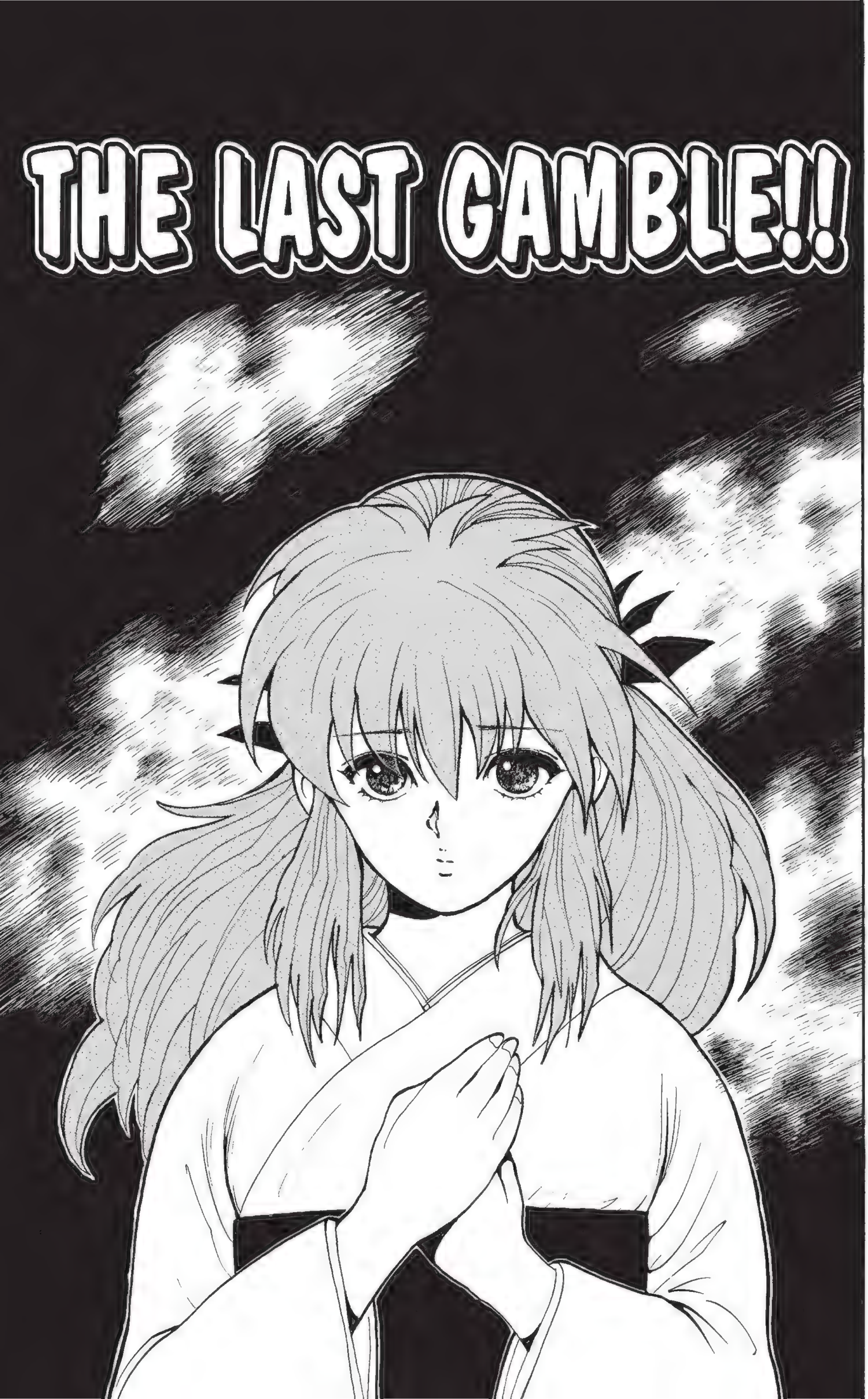
.....

ARR...

URK!

BLAST THOSE TWO!!

THE LAST GAMBLE!!



PEACE, BABY!!

!

IT APPEARS I'VE WON AGAIN...

YOU'VE BEEN CLEANING UP, BUT THE REST OF US HAVE BEEN LOSING.

NOW HOLD ON THERE, MR. SAKYO.

HOW ABOUT IT, TARUKANE? GAME FOR ONE MORE ROUND?

WE'D LIKE A PIECE OF YOUR ACTION THIS TIME!!

SEVENTY BILLION IN ALL...

DUM DAH

YOU MIGHT CONSIDER CUTTING YOUR LOSSES...

DUM

.....

I'VE SAVED THE BEST...

HEH HEH HEH...

DAH

DUM

DUM

DUM

WHICH SHALL TRIUMPH?!

...FOR LAST-- THE TOGURO BROTHERS VS. THE INTRUDERS!!

HEH HEH. BET THE FARM ON THE INTRUDERS, I DARE YOU. I'LL RECOUP ALL MY LOSSES...!!

MAKE YOUR SELECTION, MR. SAKYO.

SIXTY SIX TRILLION, 200 BILLION YEN ON THE INTRUDERS.

DOOM

OH, I'M QUITE SERIOUS.

IT WILL MAKE **THIS** CONTEST PARTICULARLY INTERESTING.

YOU **CAN'T** BE **SERIOUS!!**

STAGGER...

SIXTY SIX TRILLION, 200 BILLION?! THAT'S THE ENTIRE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET!!

AAH... NOTHING SO AMUSING AS **ANOTHER'S** MISFORTUNES...

FOR OUR PART, WE'LL SIT BACK AND WATCH.

HEH HEH HEH

HEH HEH HEH

YOU PROPOSED THESE GAMES, AND BBC RULES DICTATE YOU **FINISH.**

NO BACKING DOWN NOW, MR. TARUKANE.

OR... DOES HE **KNOW** SOMETHING ABOUT THE TEARS OF ICE? COULDN'T BE... I'VE KEPT IT AN **AIRTIGHT SECRET!!**

HUFF HUFF HUFF HUFF HUFF

SAKYO'S INSANE!!

ALL RIGHT! YOU'RE ON!!
LET THE CONTEST BEGIN!!
SHUUU
THING IS, IF I WIN, ALL THAT MONEY WILL BE MINE!! THIS WOULD BE... MY ULTIMATE GAMBLE!!

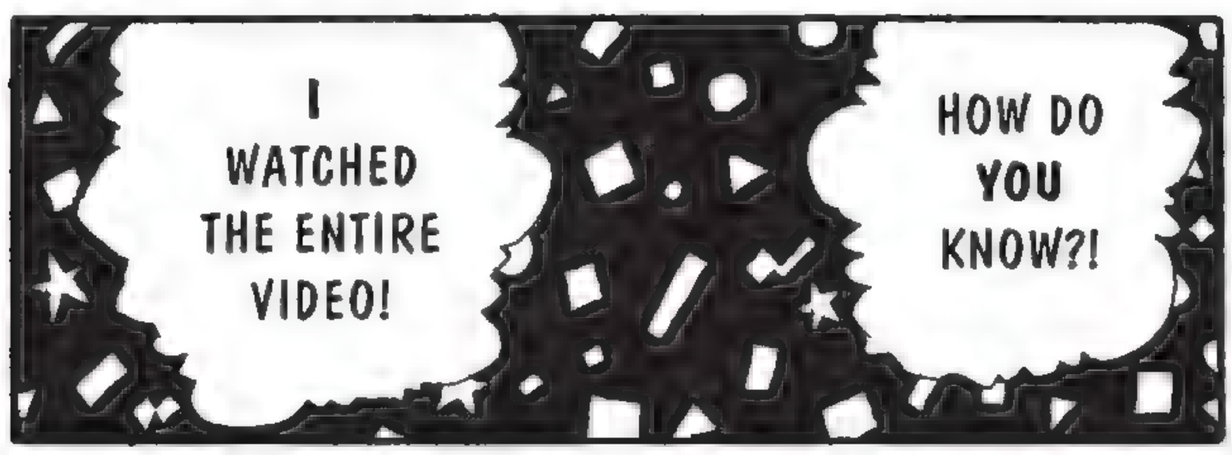
GEEZ... FINALLY.

LET'S FIND MY ICE MAIDEN AND CLEAN TARUKANE'S CLOCK!
I DON'T DETECT ANY DEMONS!

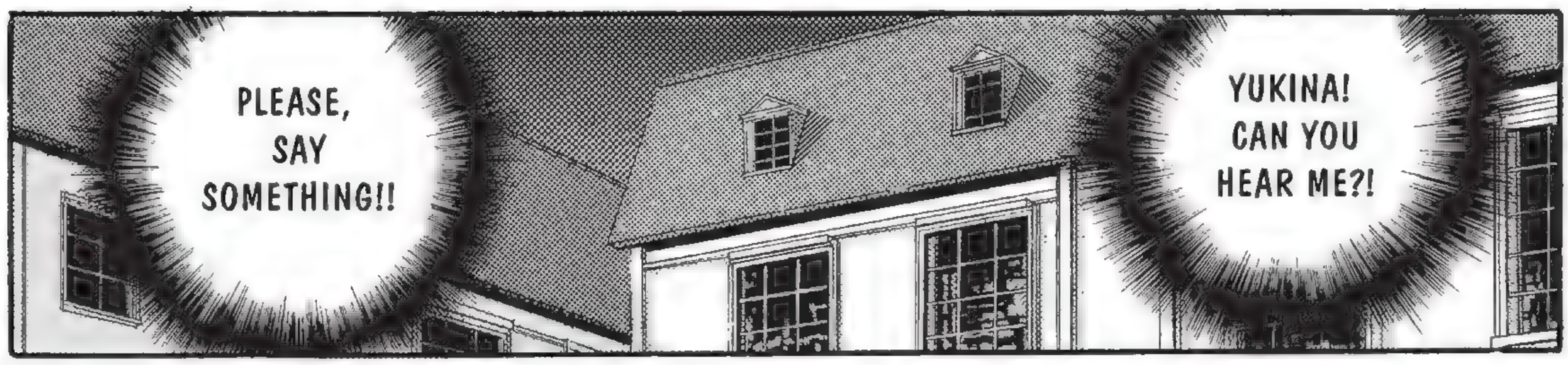
!!

MAKE SURE THE BBC DOESN'T FIND OUT.
SAKA-SHITA! BRING YUKINA HERE.
WARD HER AS NECESSARY TO KEEP HER FROM RUNNING.

YUKINA.
'CEPT... I DON'T KNOW HER NAME!
I'LL TRY TO MAKE CONTACT!!

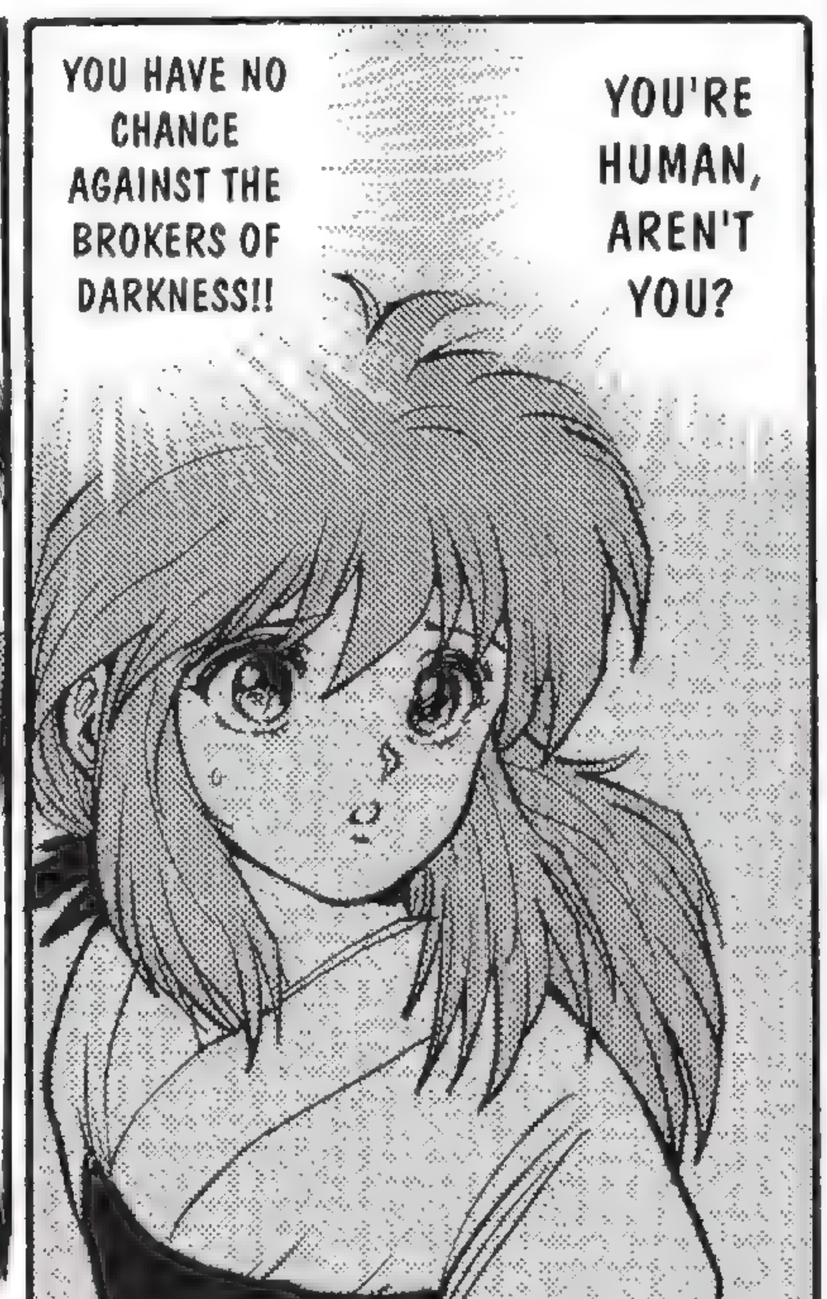

I WATCHED THE ENTIRE VIDEO!
HOW DO YOU KNOW?!

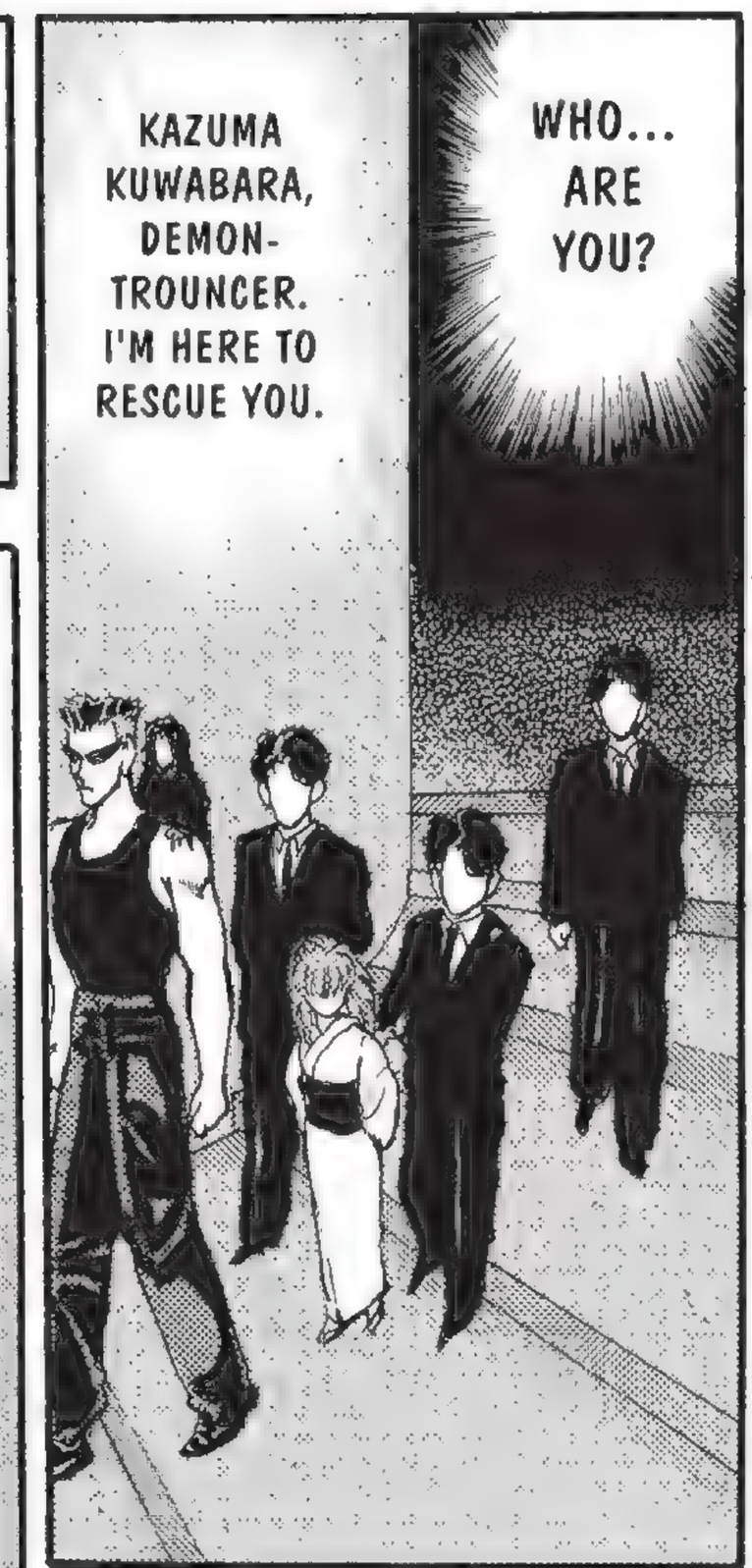
I SENSE SOMETHING!! NOT EVIL... IT'S HER! MUST BE!!
WHOA!!
SCREEC

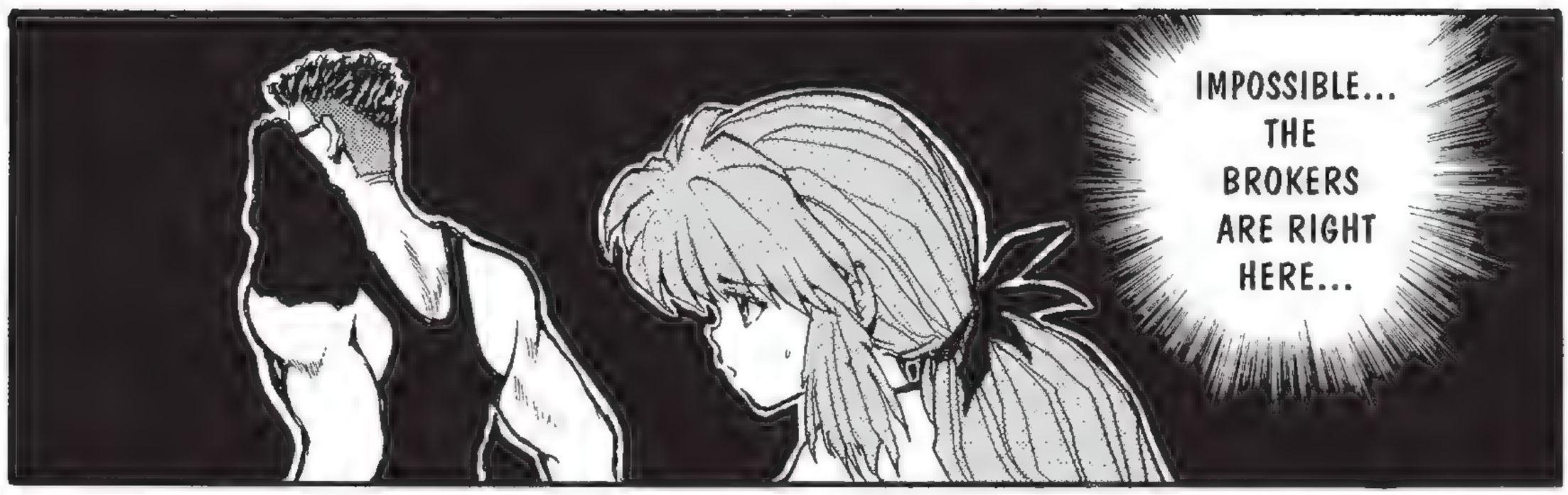

PLEASE, SAY SOMETHING!!
YUKINA! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!

?
NO! GET OUT OF HERE!

NO SWEAT! WE'VE ALREADY BEATEN 'EM!
NEXT, WE FREE YOU!


YOU HAVE NO CHANCE AGAINST THE BROKERS OF DARKNESS!!
YOU'RE HUMAN, AREN'T YOU?


KAZUMA KUWABARA, DEMON-TROUNCER. I'M HERE TO RESCUE YOU.
WHO... ARE YOU?


IMPOSSIBLE... THE BROKERS ARE RIGHT HERE...

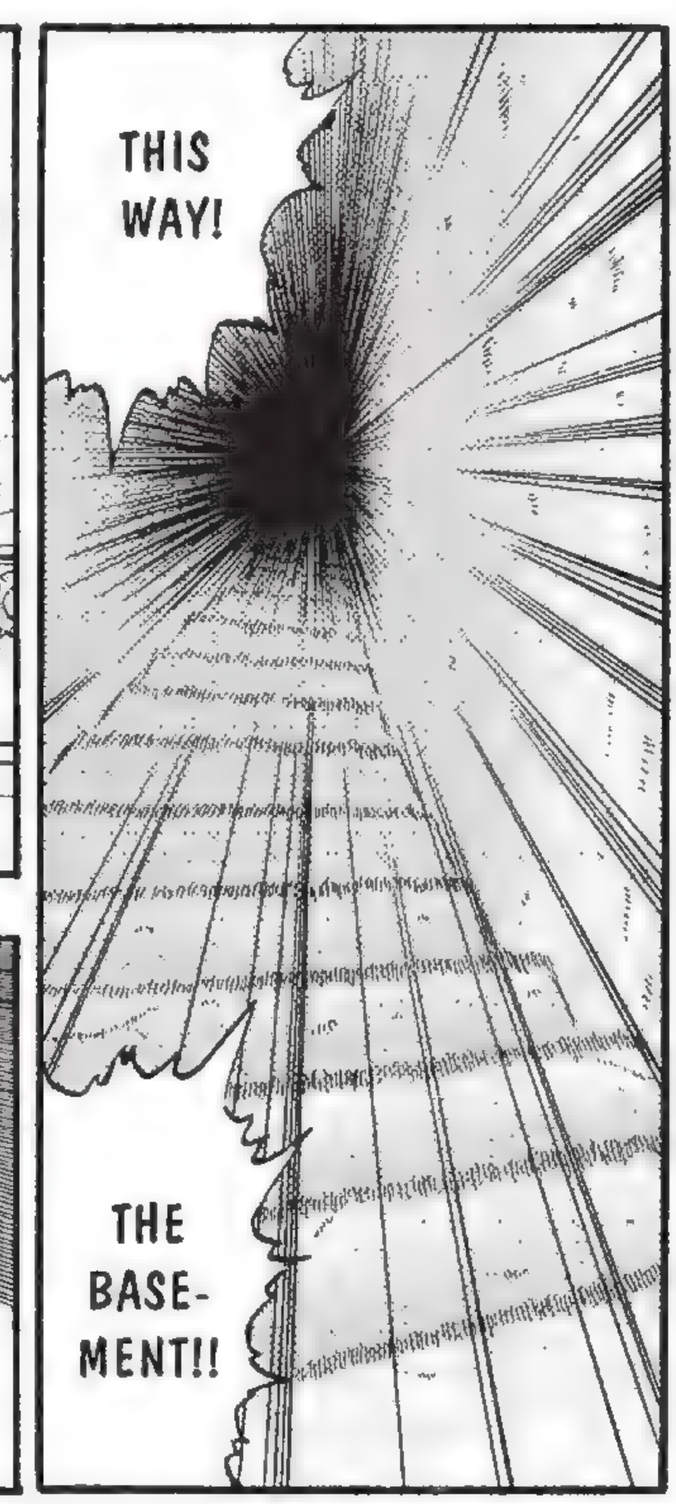
LIKE IT OR NOT, YOU'RE BEING RESCUED!!
YOU'RE OUTSIDE THOSE SUPPRESSING WARDS! I KNOW WHERE YOU ARE!!

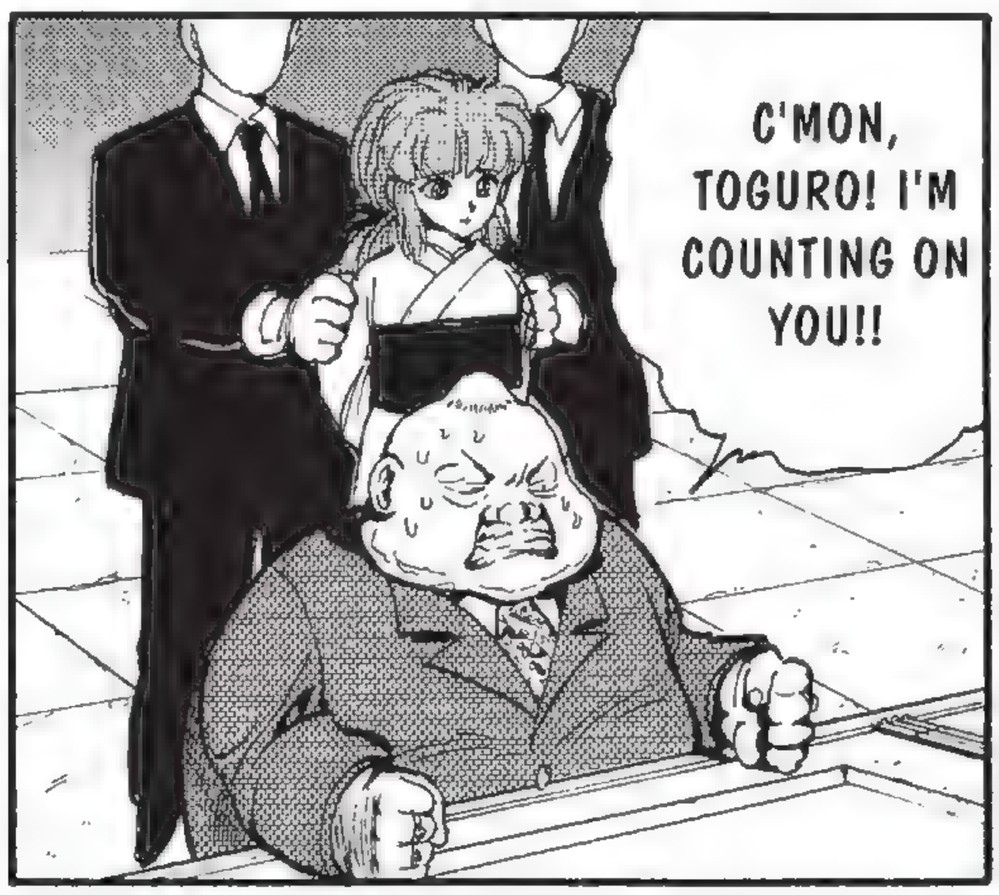
NOT A WHIFF OF POWERFUL AURA THERE AT ALL!
THEN THEY'RE NO THREAT.

.....

CREEK
UH-OH! THOSE DOORS!!
BEFORE THEY CLOSE!

WHO CARES? ON-WARD!!
ICK! WHAT THE HECK'S THAT?!
BUP-BUP-BUP


THIS WAY!
THE BASE-MENT!!


C'MON, TOGURO! I'M COUNTING ON YOU!!

CHECK THOSE BASTARDS ON THE MONITORS, WATCHING ALL THIS.
GUESS HE'S THE LAST OF 'EM.

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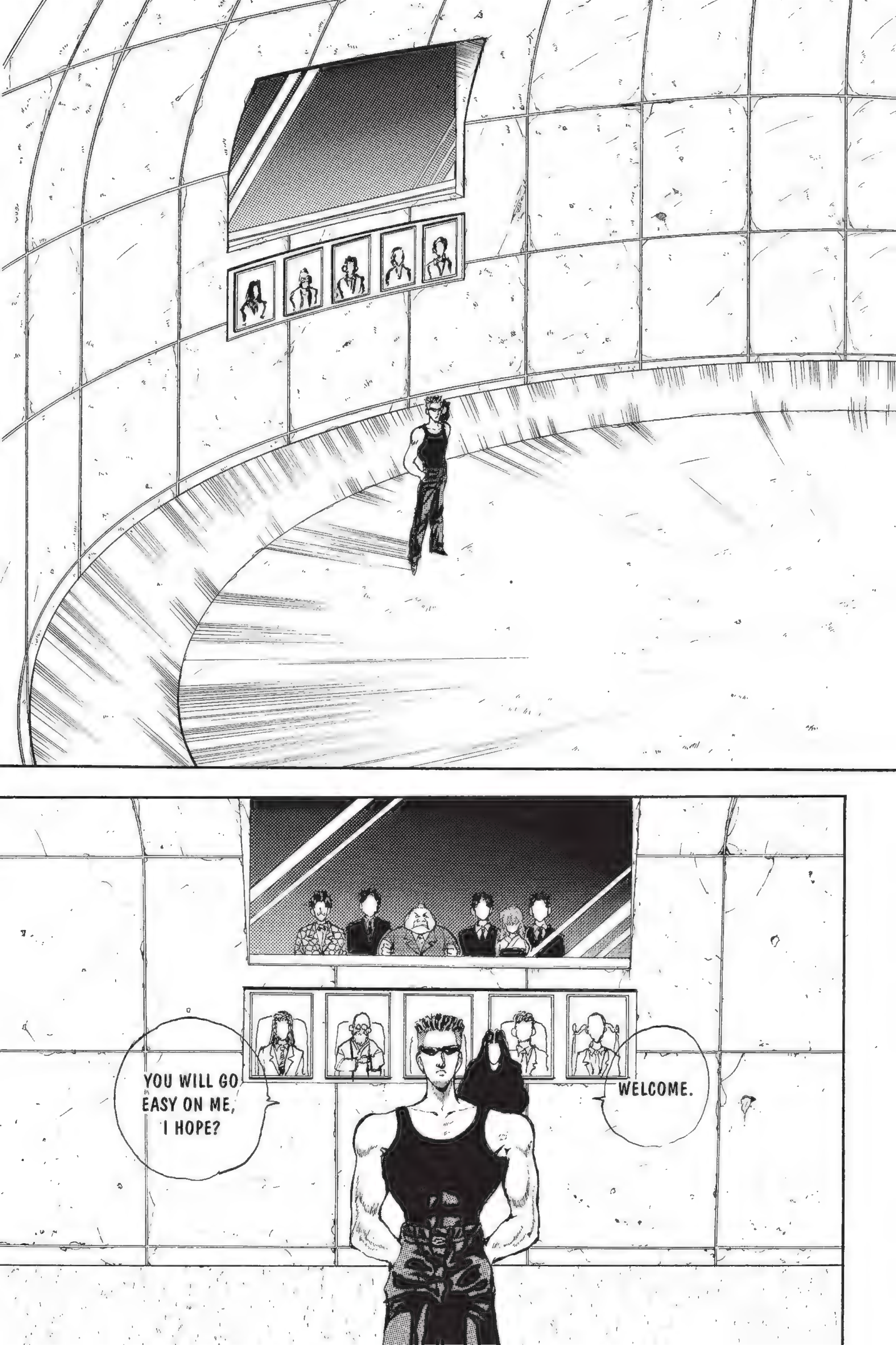
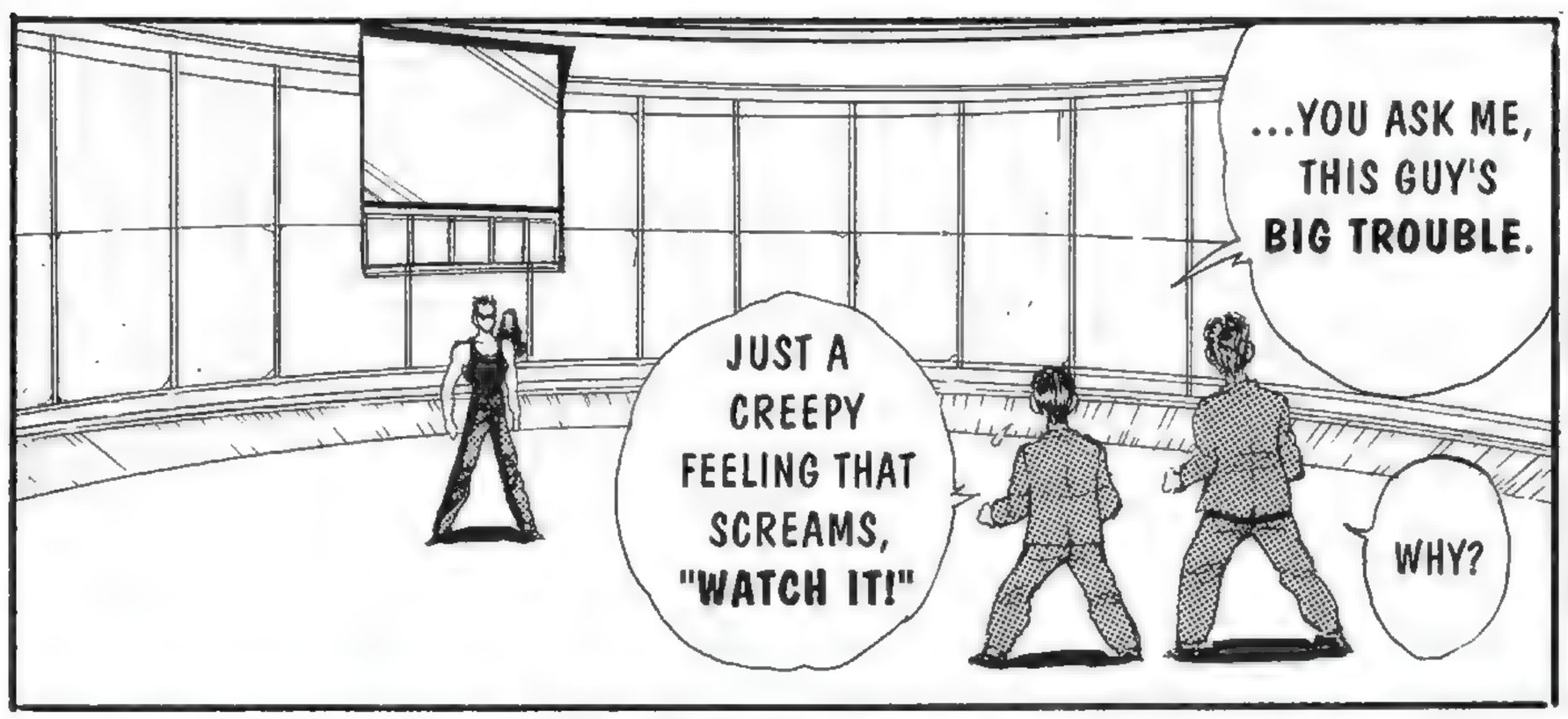
JUST A MATTER OF TIME!!


YOU WILL GO EASY ON ME, I HOPE?
WELCOME.

.....
HEH, THE DOOF'S GOT ZILCH DEMONIC AURA. THIS'LL BE A SNAP!


...YOU ASK ME, THIS GUY'S BIG TROUBLE.
JUST A CREEPY FEELING THAT SCREAMS, "WATCH IT!"
WHY?

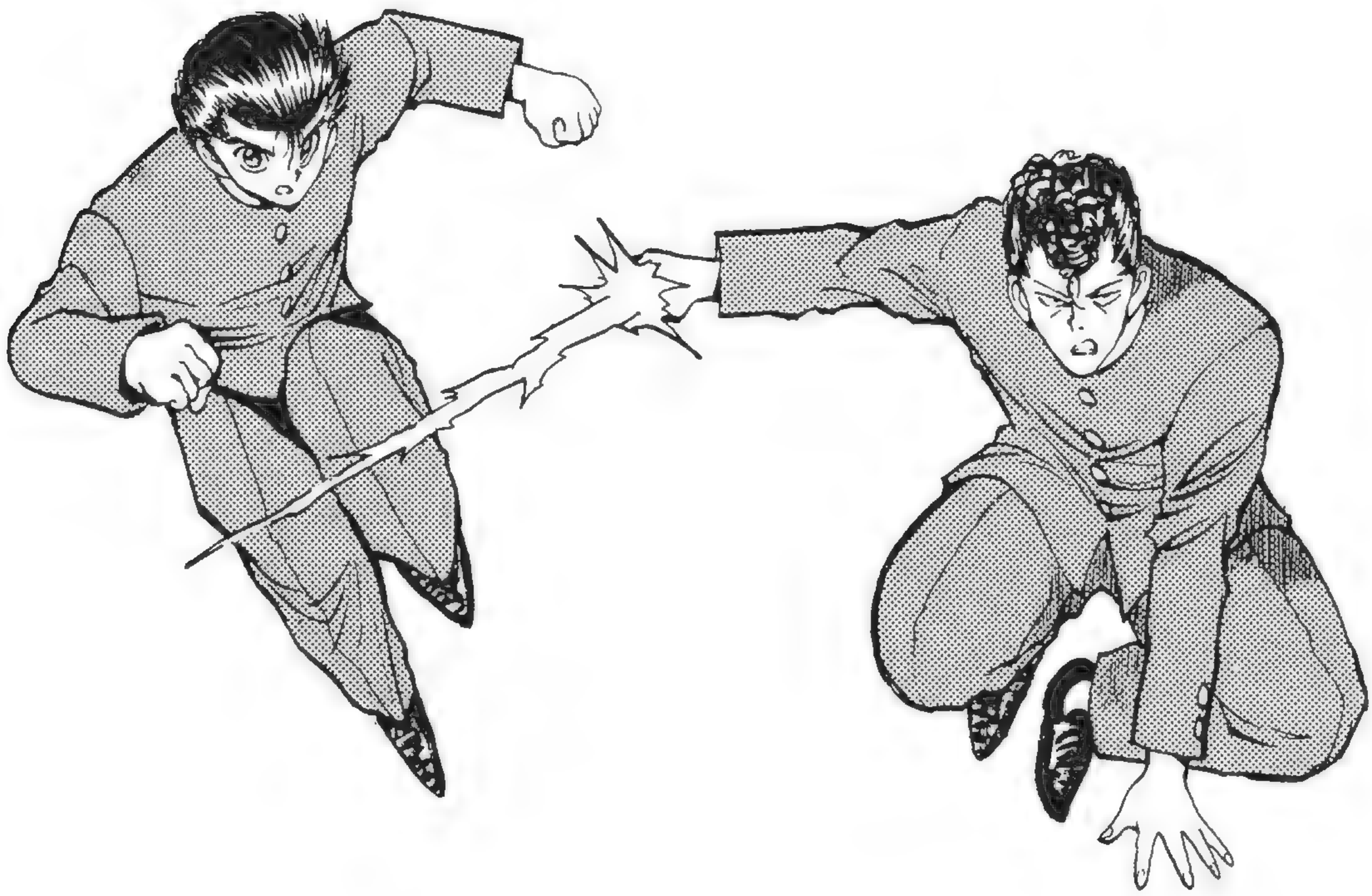
NO...

HEH.
ULP! THAT LITTLE GUY ON HIS SHOULDER...!!
HE'S... SCRUNCHING UP?!
CRACK
TUMP
CREAK
CRICK
SQUEEZE

HE'S TURNED INTO A SWORD!!

AMAZING TRANSFORMATION BY MY OLDER BROTHER, DON'TCHA THINK?

ITS EFFECTIVENESS DEPENDS ON THE WIELDER, OF COURSE.



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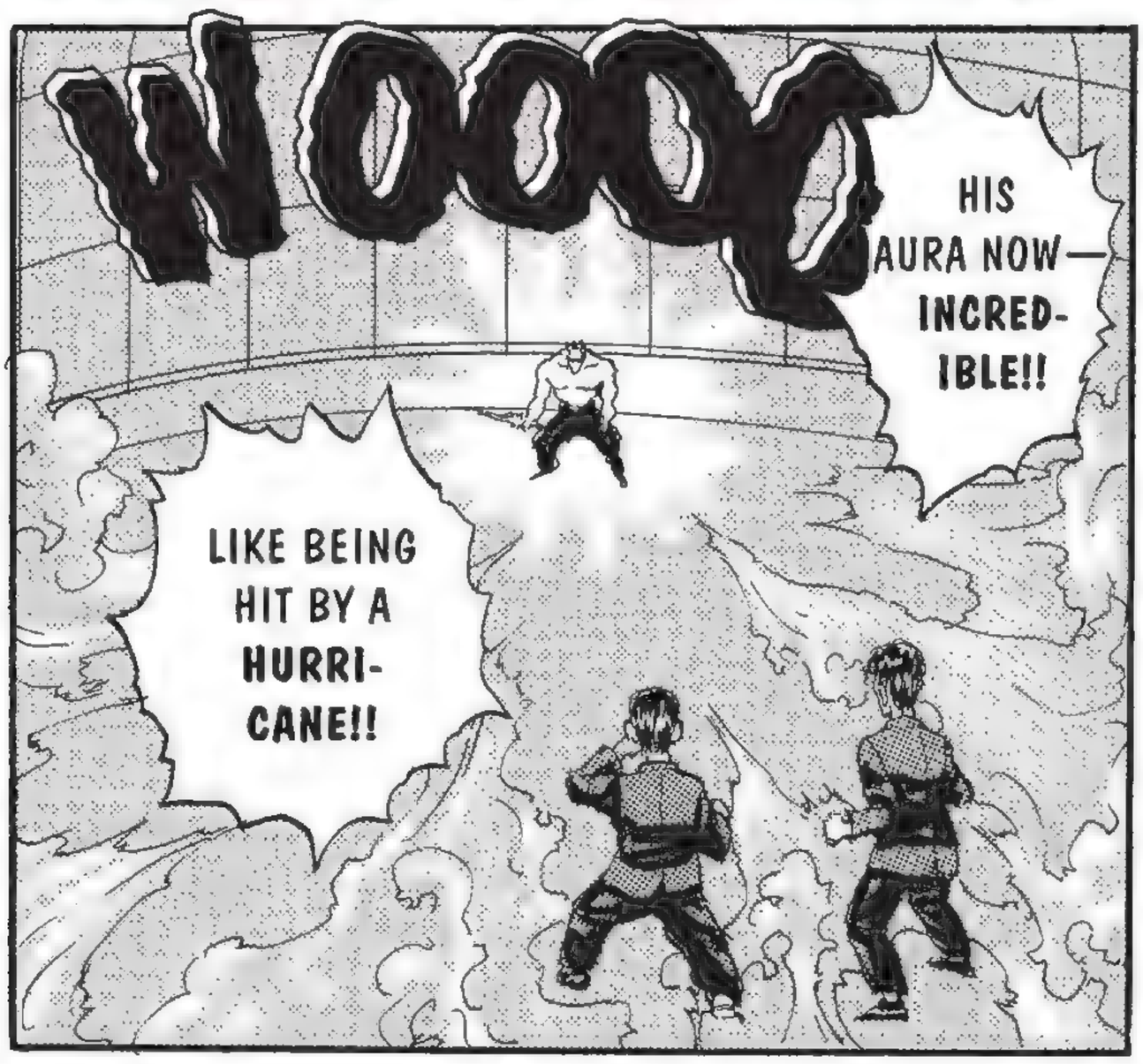

WOOO
HIS AURA NOW— INCRED-IBLE!!
LIKE BEING HIT BY A HURRI-CANE!!

...I PROVIDE THE MUSCLE! LOTS OF IT!!
Y'SEE, WE'RE ONE UNIT!!

RAARR!!

WHOA! FAST!!

KRA
GRAAH!

!!

HEH.

HUUNNH...!!

!!

SLAM

KUWABARA!!

!!
YOUR TURN!!
WAK
NAILED YOU AT POINT BLANK...
HA! THAT'S FOR YOU, FREAK-O!

HIS SWORD... IT TURNED INTO A SHIELD!!
?!
GUCK...!
...MY BROTHER HAS A WIDE REPERTOIRE OF TRANSFORMATIONS...
I FORGOT TO MENTION...

THE FINAL BATTLE: TWO ON TWO!!

TOTTER

SKIP SKIP

I'M GONNA WIN THE DAY!!
HA HA...
...HA HA HA!
HA HA, THAT'S THE TICKET!!
THIS ONE'S IN THE BAG!!
TOO BAD, MR. SAKYO! YOU SHOULD'VE CUT YOUR LOSSES!!
.....
I THOUGHT YOU TWO WOULD PROVIDE A BIT MORE FUN...

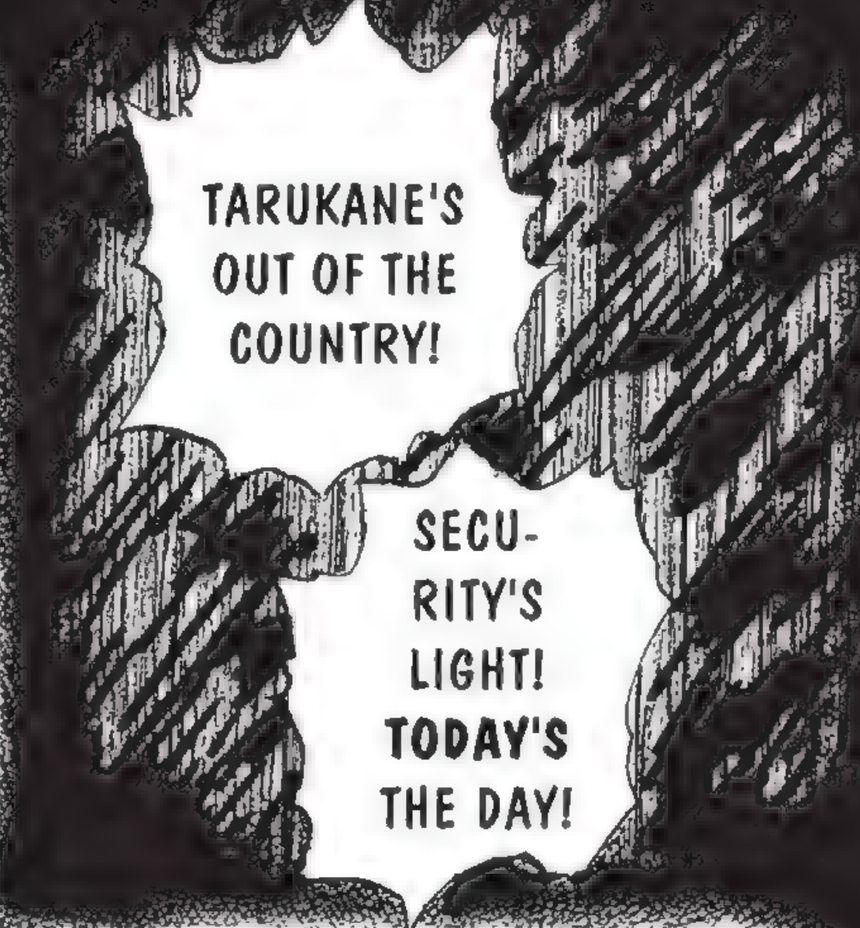
WHFFT
YAH...
THEY HAD THEIR FUN. NOW THEY'LL SUFFER... AND DIE!
TORTURE THOSE PUNKS FOR ME!
EXCEL-LENT! DRAW IT OUT!!

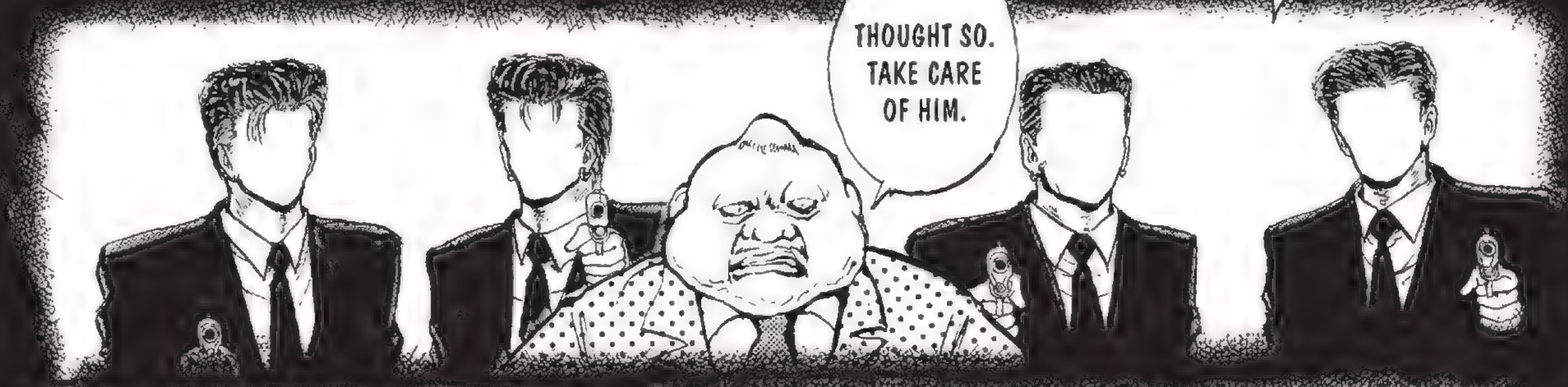
WHOMP
KEEP WATCHING!!
LIKE LAST TIME! REMEMBER?!
THIS IS HOW IT IS FOR ANYONE WHO TRIES TO SAVE YOU!!
ARE THESE... HER THOUGHTS...?
BUT... WHAT...?
GOING... BLACK...
NOT... GOOD...

PLEASE...
NO!
...BURN AT THE MERE TOUCH OF THESE TALISMANS.
I HEAR YOU ICE MAIDENS...
SHED TEARS! MAKE 'EM POUR!!
CRY! HA HA HA! CRY!
SIZZZZ
AAI-IEE!
SIZZZZ
HAH!
.....
...SOON, I PROMISE.
I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE ...
I HAVE A SISTER ABOUT YOUR AGE.
.....
.....

?!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, OKAY?
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHEN THEY DISCOVER I'M GONE...


TARUKANE'S OUT OF THE COUNTRY!
SECU-RITY'S LIGHT! TODAY'S THE DAY!


THOUGHT SO. TAKE CARE OF HIM.

SO SMALL, SO FRAGILE.

SHUFF

SHUFF

I'D HOPED FOR MORE.

HURF!

SLAM

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE...

WELL, WELL...

HIS AURA'S RE-FRESHED AND GROWING.

COULD A MAN REALLY DO ALL THIS?

...TARU-KANE'S HUMAN.

THE ONE I WANT IS THE FAT, GRUBBY PIG BEHIND YOU!

YOU'RE NOT THE FIEND I'M AFTER TODAY.

STEP ASIDE, DE-MON.

TOGURO!! FINISH HIM OFF!!

BUT GO AHEAD— TRY!!

MY ORDERS. SORRY.

HEAR THAT?

YOU'VE GOT NO CHANCE!!

YOU TALKING ABOUT ME, BOY?

OUTTA MY WAY!

KIAP

RAAH!

UNH!

SHUKAM

AGH!

KILL THEM. SPLATTER THEM OVER THE WALLS.

PLAY-TIME'S OVER, TOGURO.

CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE

AYE-AYE, SIR.

URA-MESHI, LISTEN...

...ONE THING MIGHT WORK!!

I WON'T LOSE! NOT THIS WAY!!

FINE BY ME!!

PLEASE, YU-SUKE...

THAT'S CRAZY!

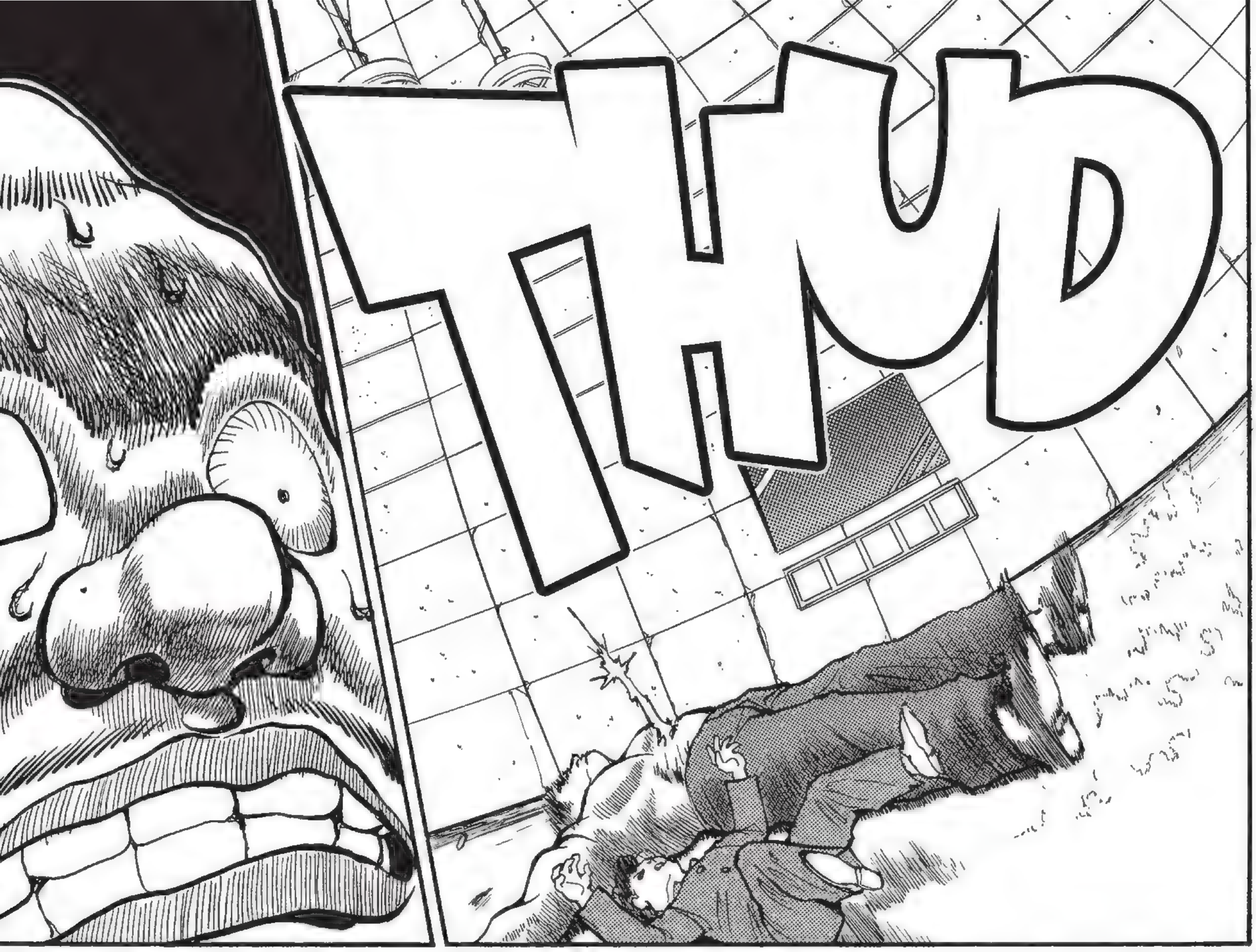
IF WE DO THAT, YOU'RE TOAST!

?

RRAAH!
TRUP
A SUICIDE CHARGE, EH?
TRUP
.....
TRUP
IF THAT'S HOW YOU WANT IT...
TRUP
TRUP
...I'LL SPLIT YOU WITH ONE STROKE!!
WHAP

!!
HAARRRR!
SHUMP

...BOOSTED HIM LIKE A ROCKET...
TOOK THE BLAST... RIGHT IN HIS BACK...
...MOVE.
VERY... NICE...


THUD

BANKRUPTCY RUIN
BANKRUPTCY RUIN BANKRUPTCY

FSSSS...
BLIP

GAME OVER. SIXTY-SIX TRILLION, 270 BILLION TO ME.
I'LL COLLECT AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

TURN AROUND, FATSO.

YUKINA AND I ARE LEAVING! NOW!
REV UP THE HELICOPTER SAKA-SHITA!!
HEE HEE... WHY WORRY? WITH THE TEARS OF ICE I'LL...

EXPLAINS WHY MY EVIL EYE COULDN'T FIND HER.

I HEAR YOU KEPT YUKINA CAGED WITH TALISMANS.

BUT THEN YOU LET HER OUT. CARELESS...

EEP.

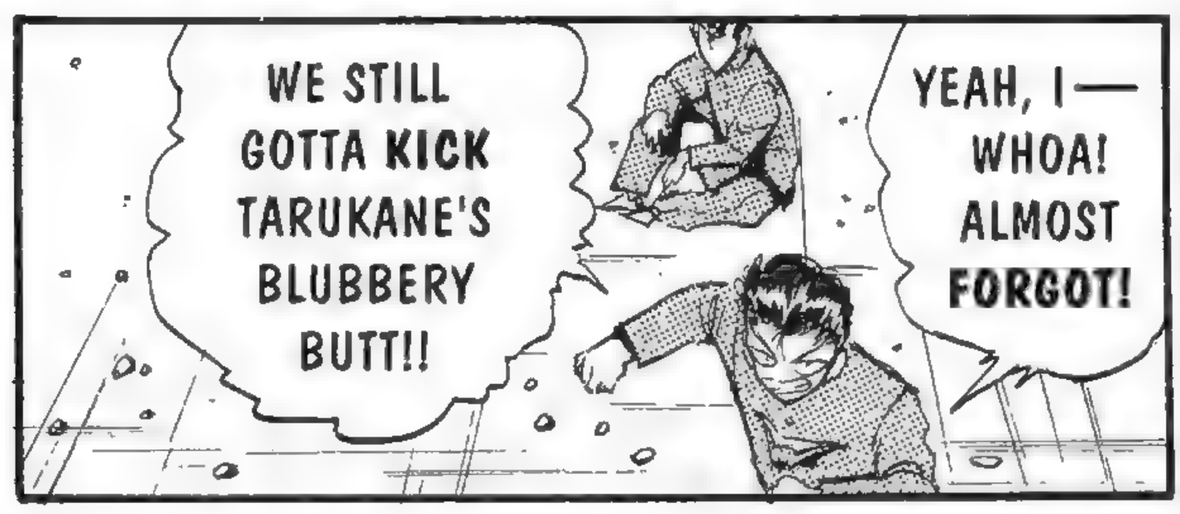
ST... STAY AWAY...

NO...

I WON'T KILL YOU.
YUKINA'S WORTH FAR MORE THAN YOUR PITIFUL LIFE.
ZEN
.....
UM... WHO ARE YOU?
TH... THANK YOU.
...A FRIEND OF THEIRS.
OH, JUST...
THEY NEED ME!
OH, MY!
TUP TUP TUP

FIGURED YOU COULD SET 'EM TO "STUN" INSTEAD OF "KILL."
WELL, YOU TOLD ME YOU COULD ADJUST YOUR BLASTS.

YOU'RE A CERTIFIABLE LOONY, YOU KNOW THAT?
STILL IN ONE PIECE?


WE STILL GOTTA KICK TARUKANE'S BLUBBERY BUTT!!
YEAH, I— WHOA! ALMOST FORGOT!

HE COULD USE SOME ATTENTION, THOUGH.
S'OKAY, I'M FINE.
ARE YOU...

UM...
FUPUPUP

KEEP STILL!
I CAN HEAL SOME OF THE HURT...

Y... YUKINA?

BURN MARKS! ON BOTH ARMS!

...YOU SUFFERED... FOR ME...
I'M SO SORRY...

WHAT'S BEEN DONE TO YOU...
...BY ONE OF US, IS UNFORGIVABLE.

...TO A LOUSY HUMAN, YUKINA.
DON'T APOLO-GIZE...

?

WE MAY NOT AMOUNT TO MUCH... BUT WE TRY, Y'KNOW?
HUH? HIEI?!
ALL I CAN SAY IS, WE'RE NOT ALL LIKE THAT.

PLEASE ...
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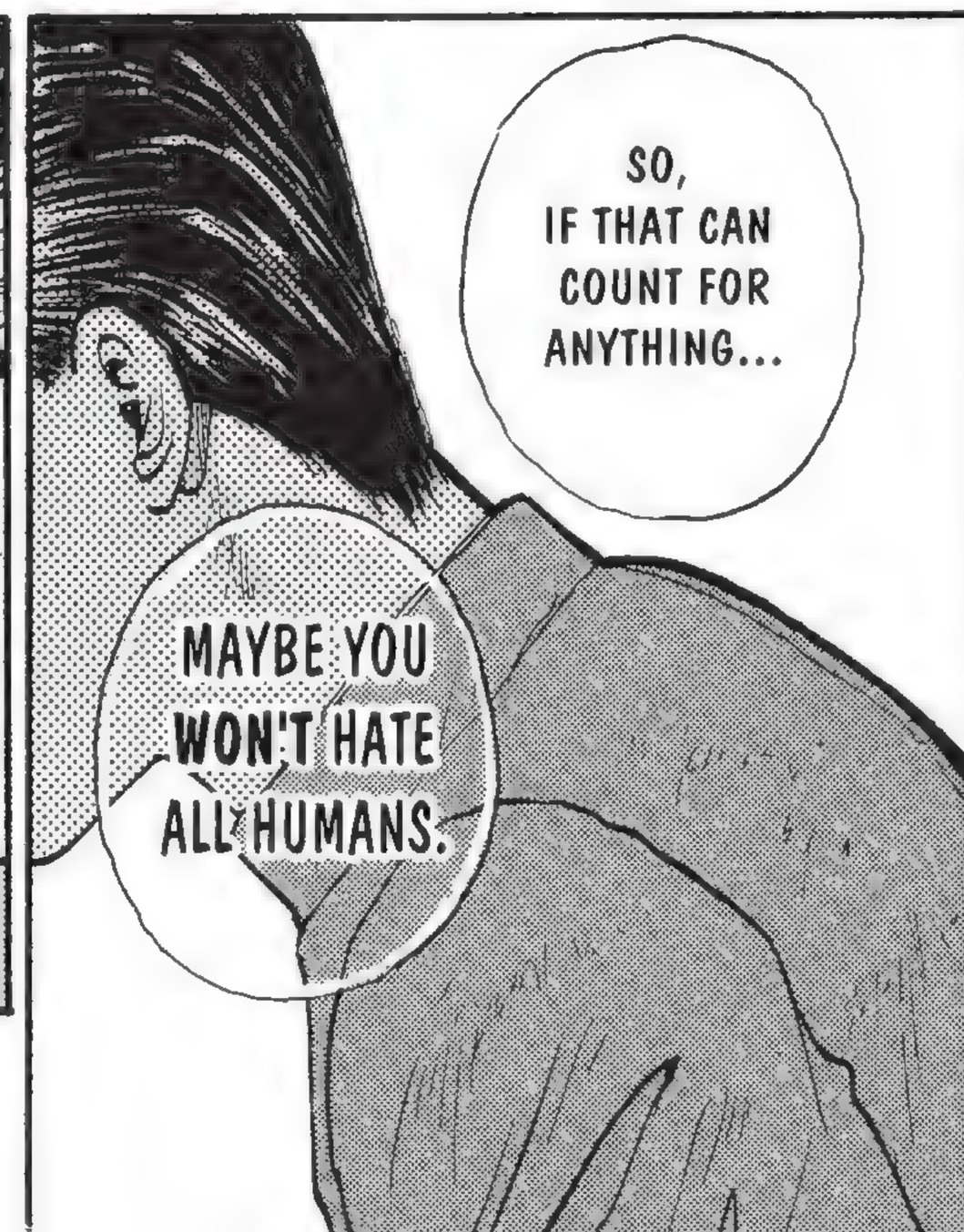
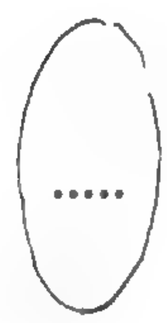

SO, IF THAT CAN COUNT FOR ANYTHING...
MAYBE YOU WON'T HATE ALL HUMANS.

I...
DON'T WORRY!
...DON'T HATE HUMANS AT ALL. AND I LIKE YOU.

...THANK YOU...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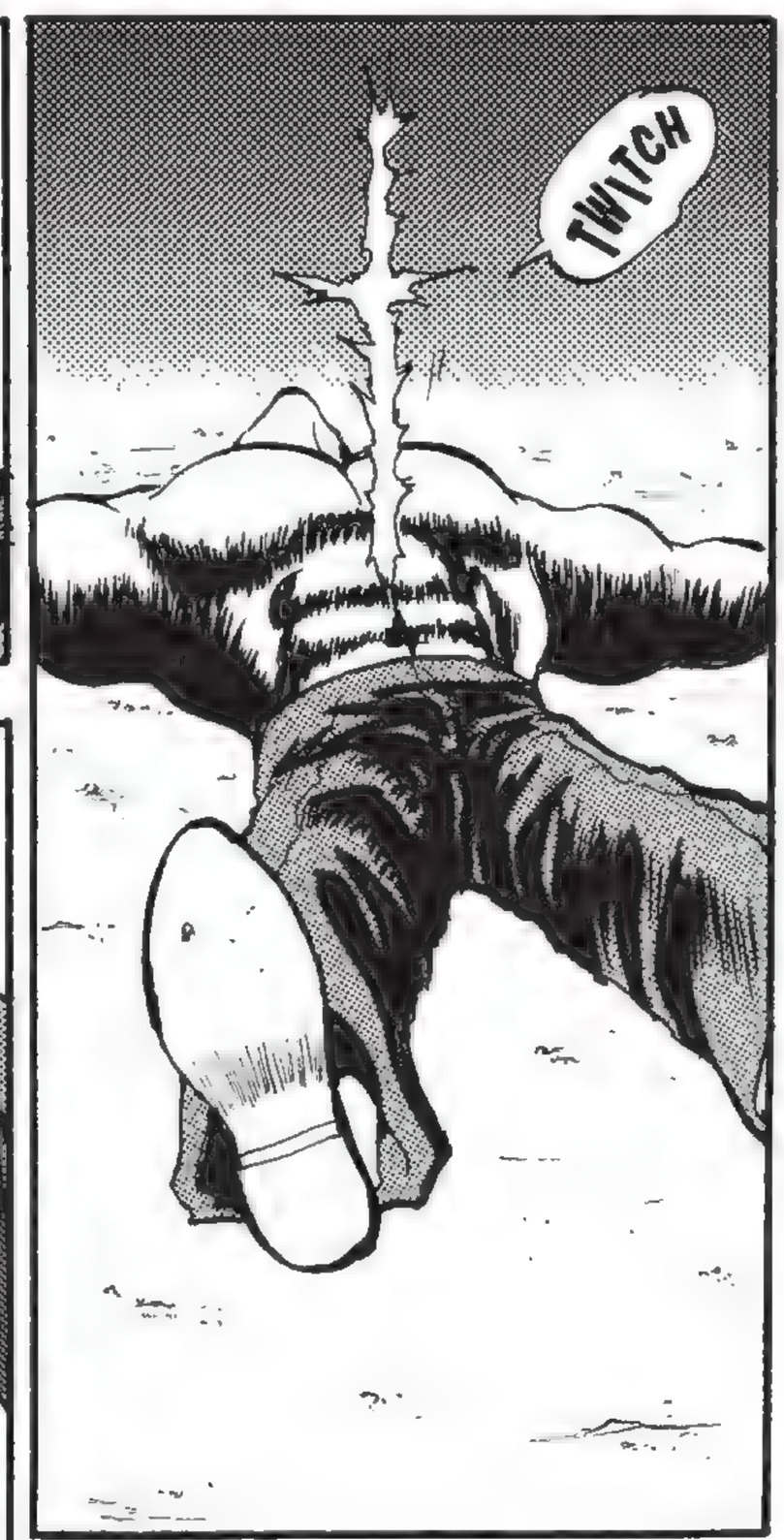
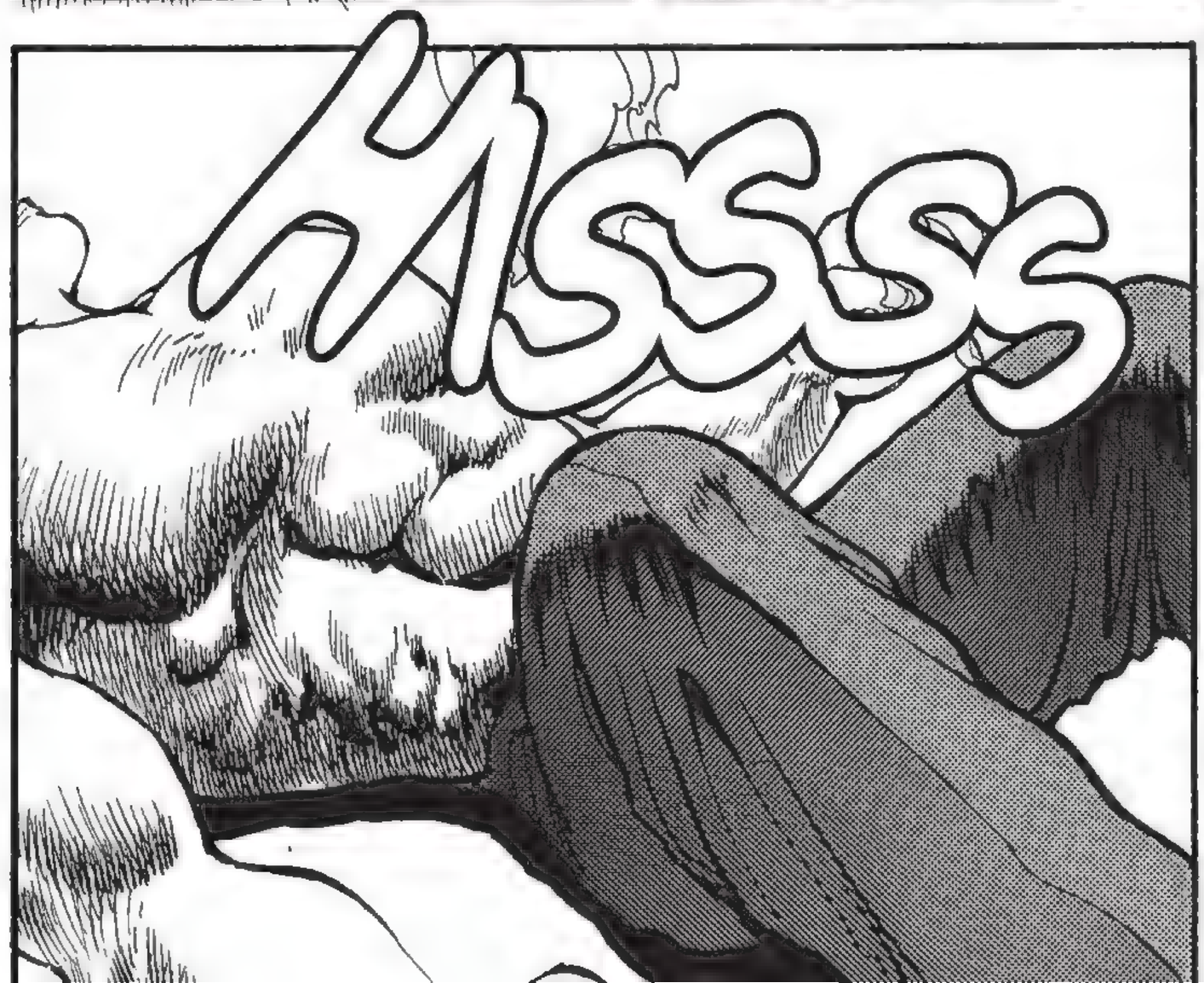
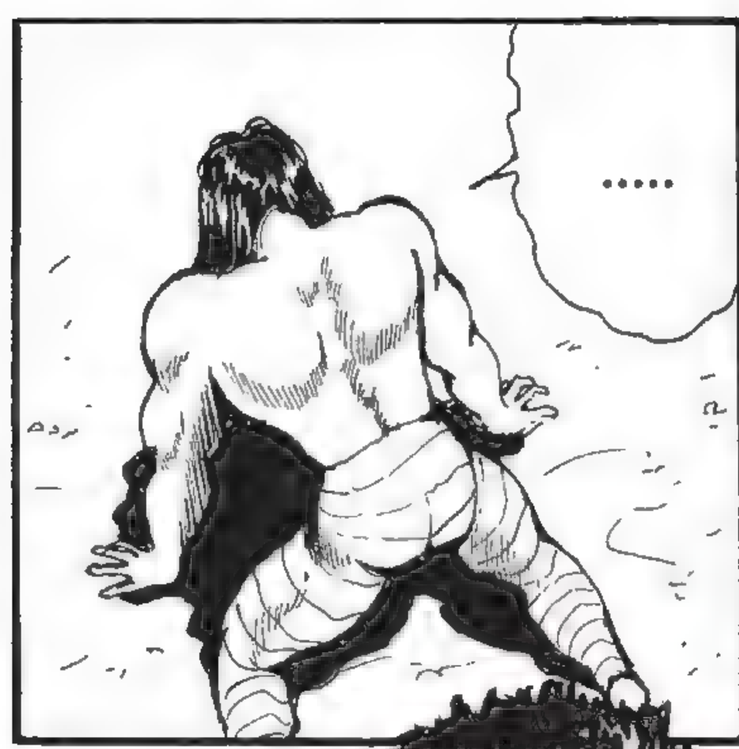
AH, THE MEMORIES...

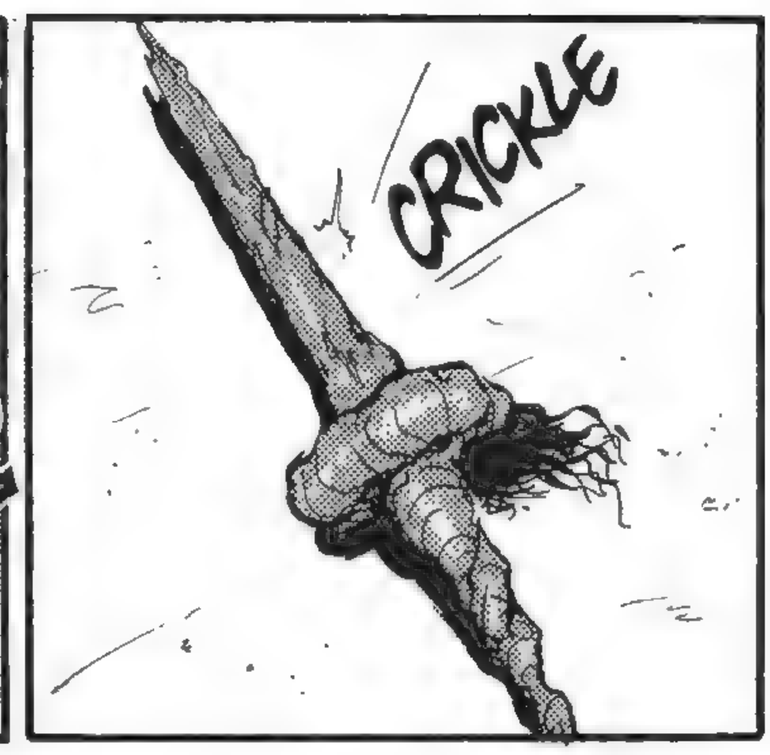
THE GAME I DESCRIBED ON PAGES 26 AND 68 IS ONE I INVENTED IN JUNIOR HIGH AND PLAYED AT SCHOOL WITH MY FRIENDS. WE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING MANGA OR STORE-BOUGHT GAMES TO SCHOOL, AND THE TEACHERS WOULD'VE CONFISCATED THEM AND LECTURED US IF WE WERE CAUGHT. SO I CAME UP WITH MANY DIFFERENT GAMES THAT COULD EASILY BE PLAYED IN THE 10-MINUTE FREE PERIODS. I WROTE NUMBERS ON THE SIDES OF A HEXAGONAL PENCIL AND USED IT AS A DIE, AND DREW THE BOXERS IN MY NOTEBOOK. I WASN'T THE TYPE TO BLATANTLY DEFY SCHOOL REGULATIONS AND DYE MY HAIR OR WEAR THOSE BAGGY PANTS. I LIVED ONLY TO ELUDE THE LETTER OF THE LAW, AND TO COME UP WITH WAYS TO GOOF OFF WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT BY THE TEACHERS. THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER GAMES I MADE; I'LL PRESENT THEM IF I GET A CHANCE.

I MUST GET STRONGER!!









WHEW...!

IT'S HARD TO THROW A MATCH... HARDER THAN I EXPECTED.
MY HEARING'S QUITE ACUTE. I JUST OVER-HEARD THEIR PLAN AND PLAYED ALONG.

SHE WAS MERCHANDISE TARUKANE STOLE FROM YOU, RIGHT?
HEE HEE HEE
YOU SURE IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO LET THE GIRL GO?

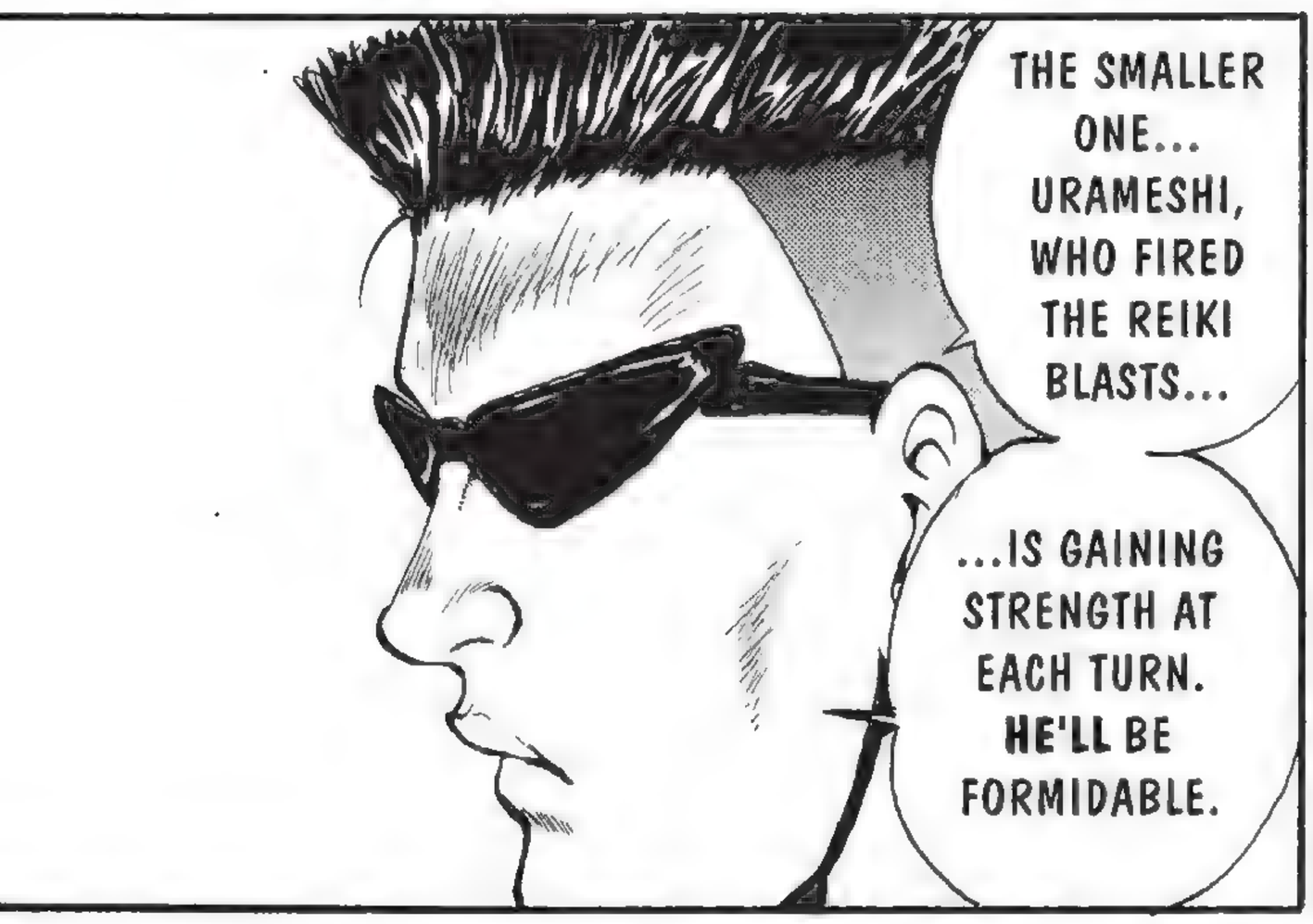
BRAVO, BROKERS OF DARK-NESS...
...A FINE AND STIRRING PERFOR-MANCE.

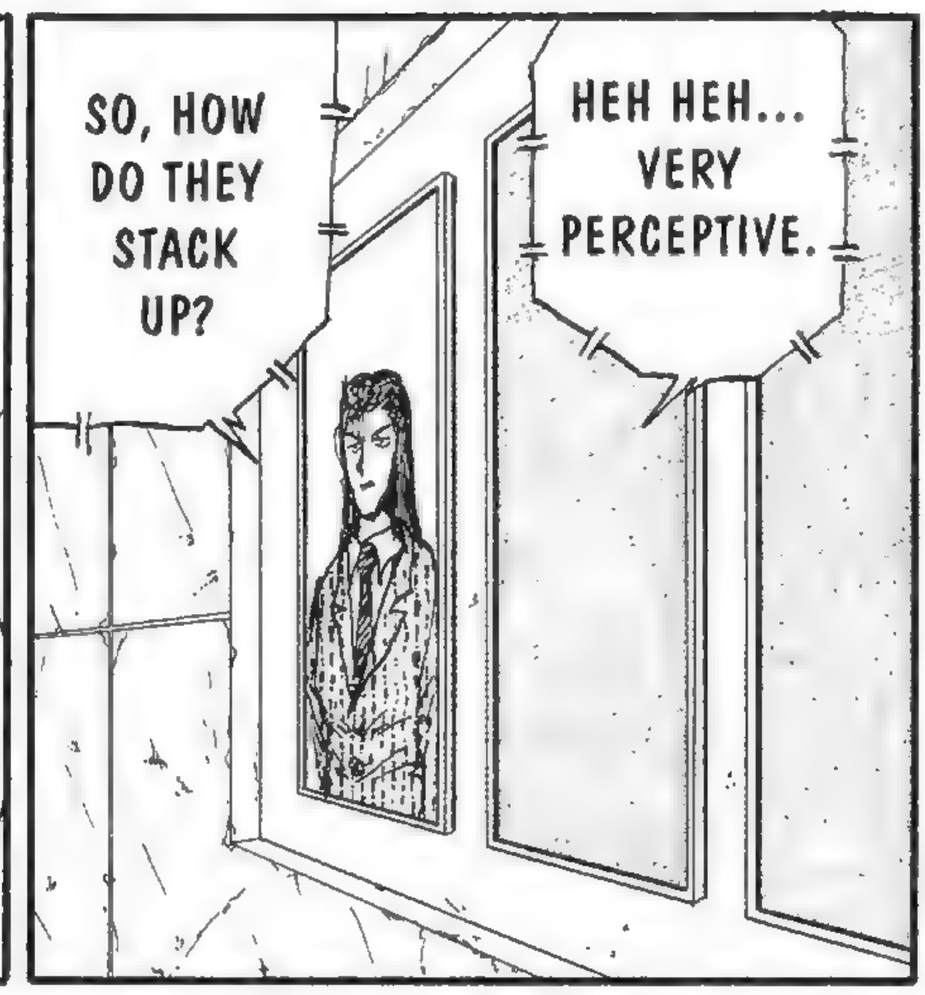
...THE TEARS OF ICE ARE MERE BAUBLES.
YES, BUT HARDLY WORTH OUR TIME. COMPARED TO THE GOALS TOWARD WHICH I AM NOW AIMING...

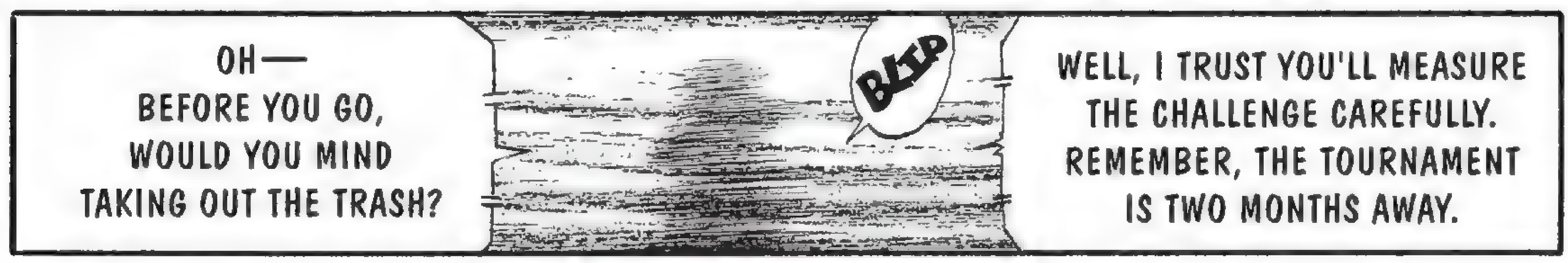
...I WOULD LIKE TO FIGHT THOSE TWO AGAIN, IN EARNEST...
...IN THE TOURNA-MENT.
FINE BY ME.
NOW, IF I MAY MAKE A REQUEST OF MY TRUE CLIENT...

PRETTY SNEAKY... USING TARUKANE'S DOWNFALL AS A PRETEXT...
...TO WATCH ME IN ACTION AGAINST THEM.

THEY WILL CERTAINLY BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.
I'M COUNTING ON THAT.


THE SMALLER ONE... URAMESHI, WHO FIRED THE REIKI BLASTS...
...IS GAINING STRENGTH AT EACH TURN. HE'LL BE FORMIDABLE.


SO, HOW DO THEY STACK UP?
HEH HEH... VERY PERCEPTIVE.

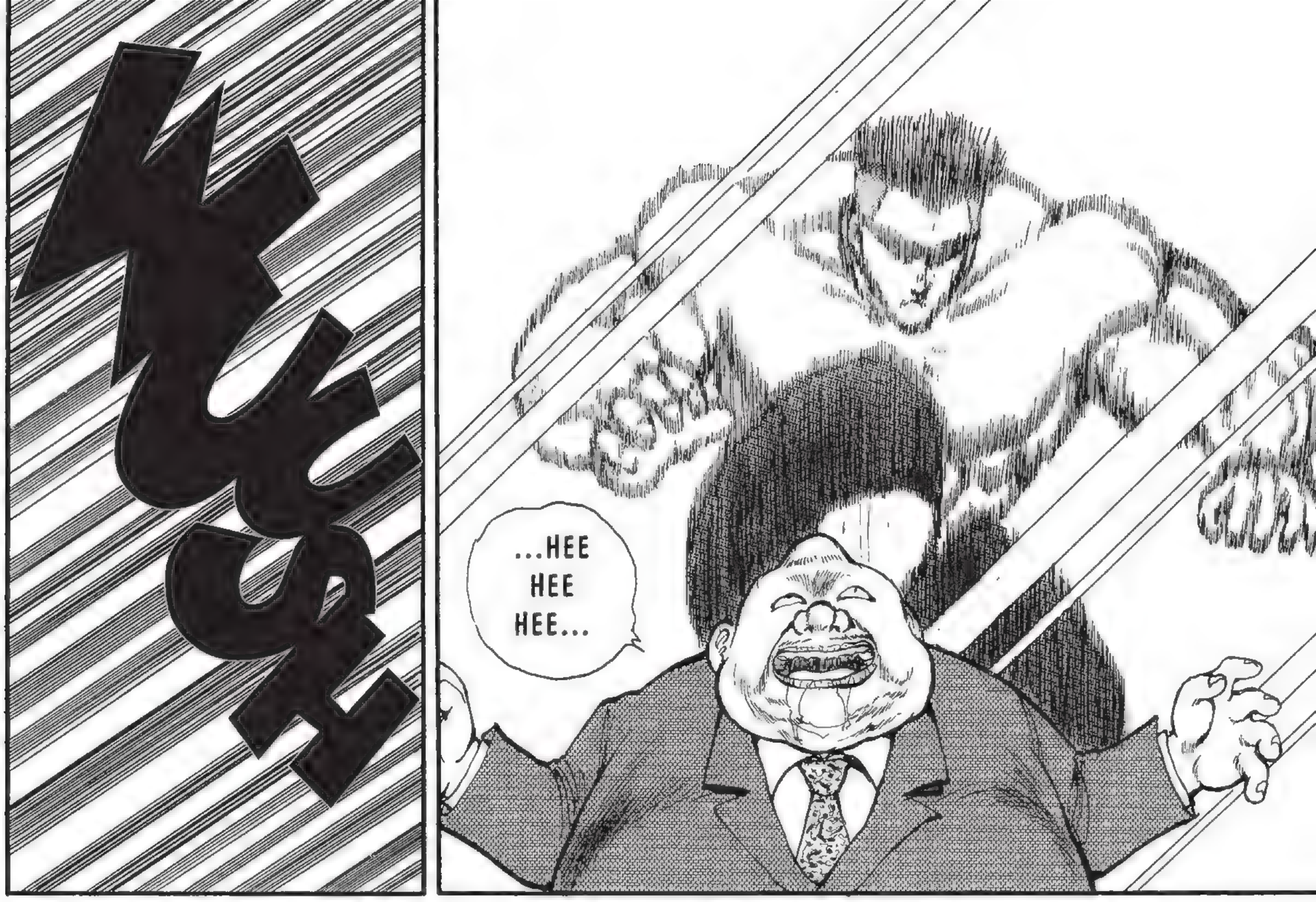

OH— BEFORE YOU GO, WOULD YOU MIND TAKING OUT THE TRASH?
BLITZ
WELL, I TRUST YOU'LL MEASURE THE CHALLENGE CAREFULLY. REMEMBER, THE TOURNAMENT IS TWO MONTHS AWAY.

AYE AYE, SIR.

...RUINED... MIGHT AS WELL BE DEAD...

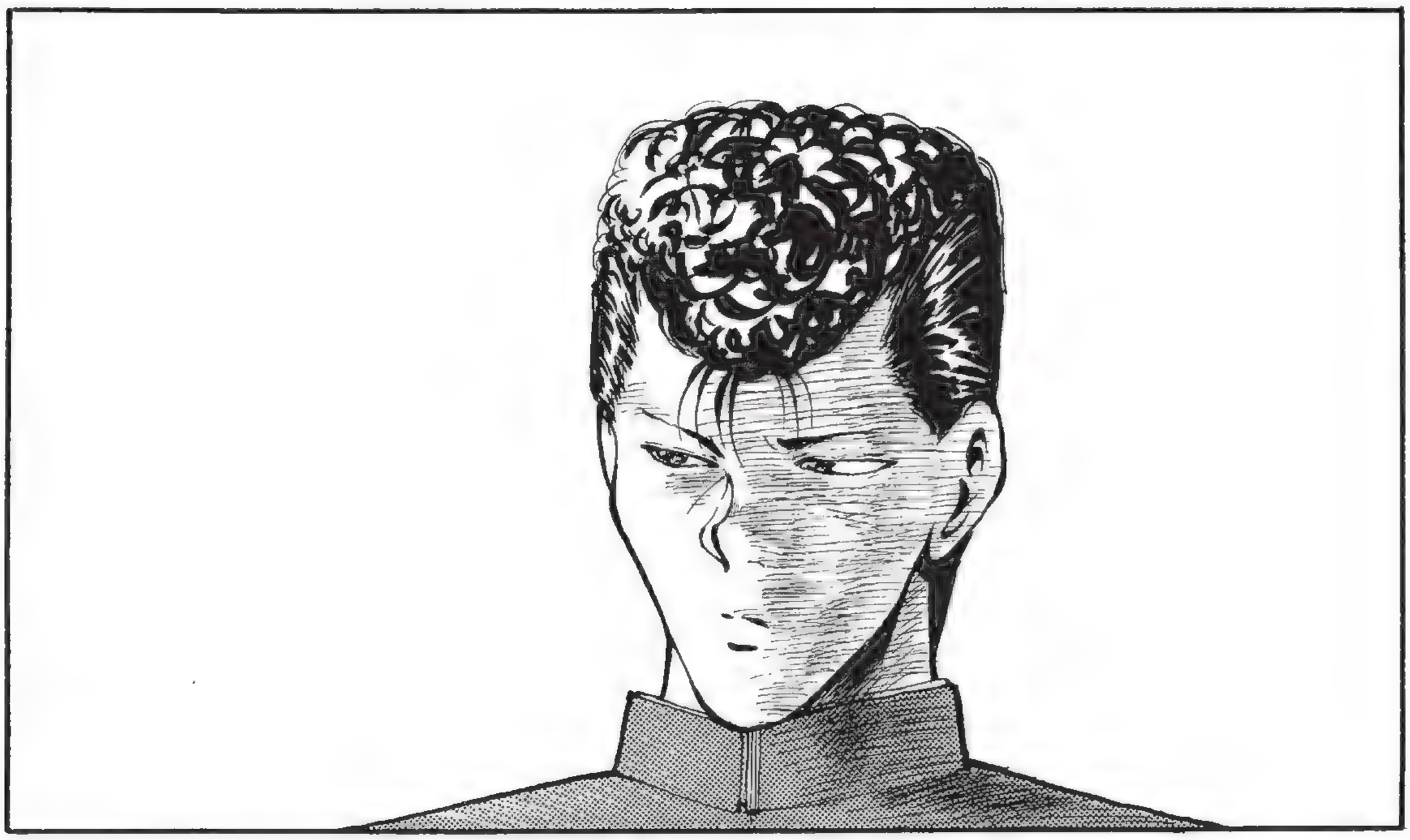
...HEE HEE...
...HEE HEE...

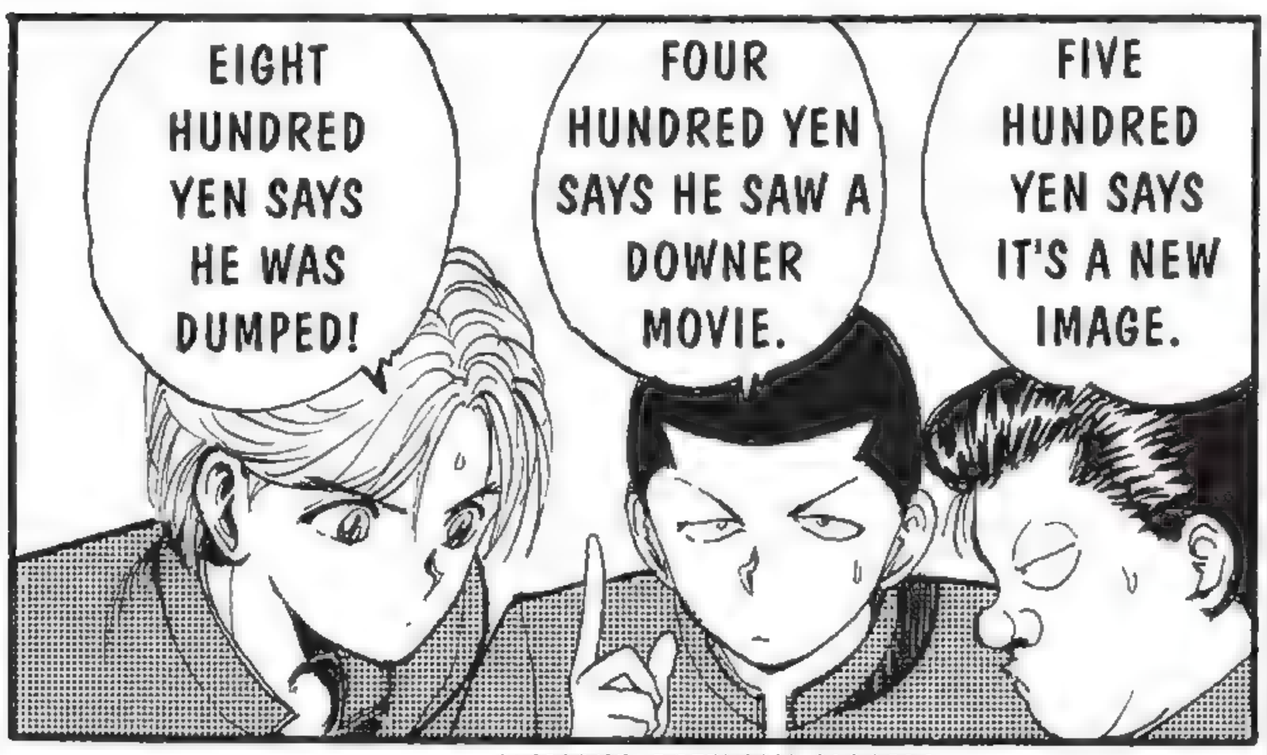
BLITZ!


...HEE HEE HEE...

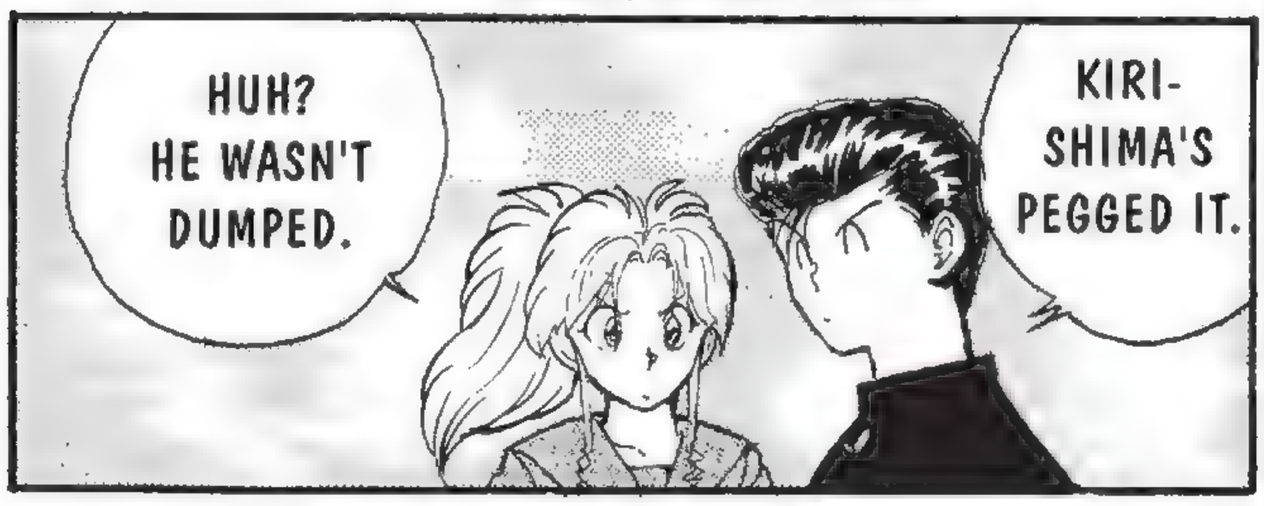
HEE—

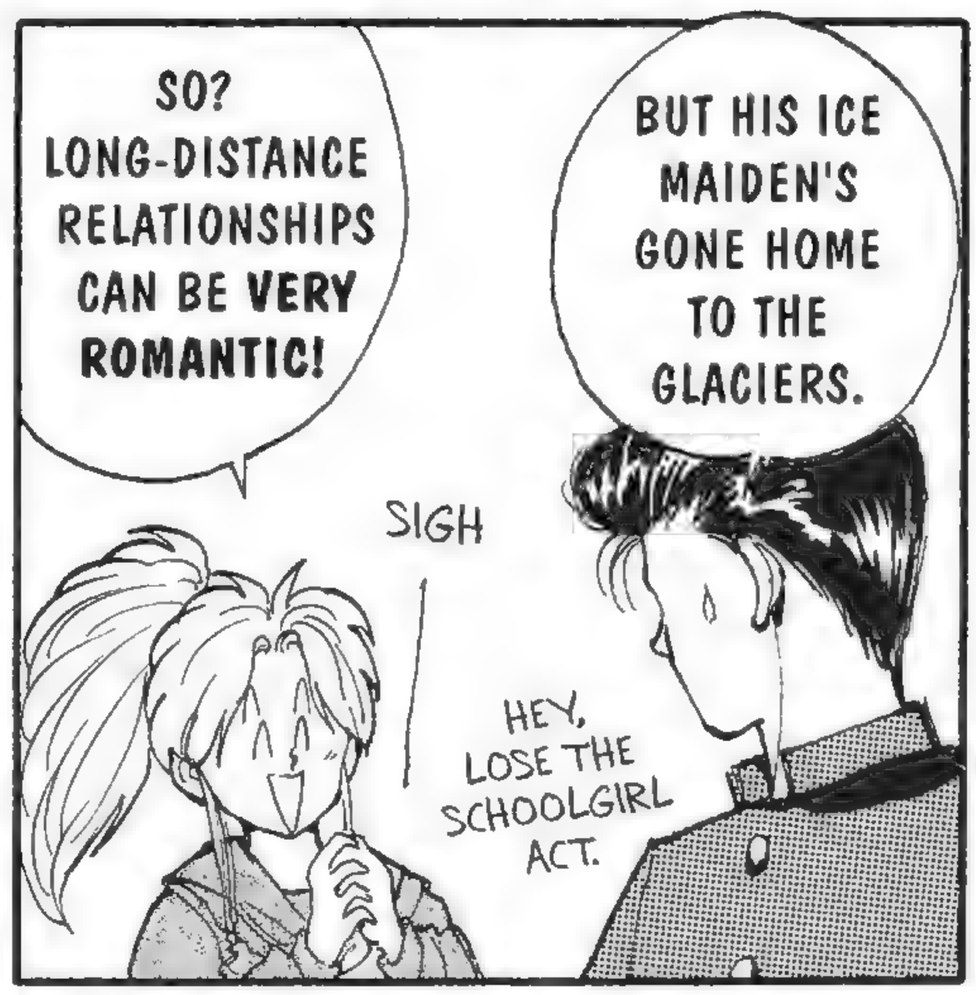
I MUST GET STRONGER!!





AWRIGHT, BETTING'S CLOSED!

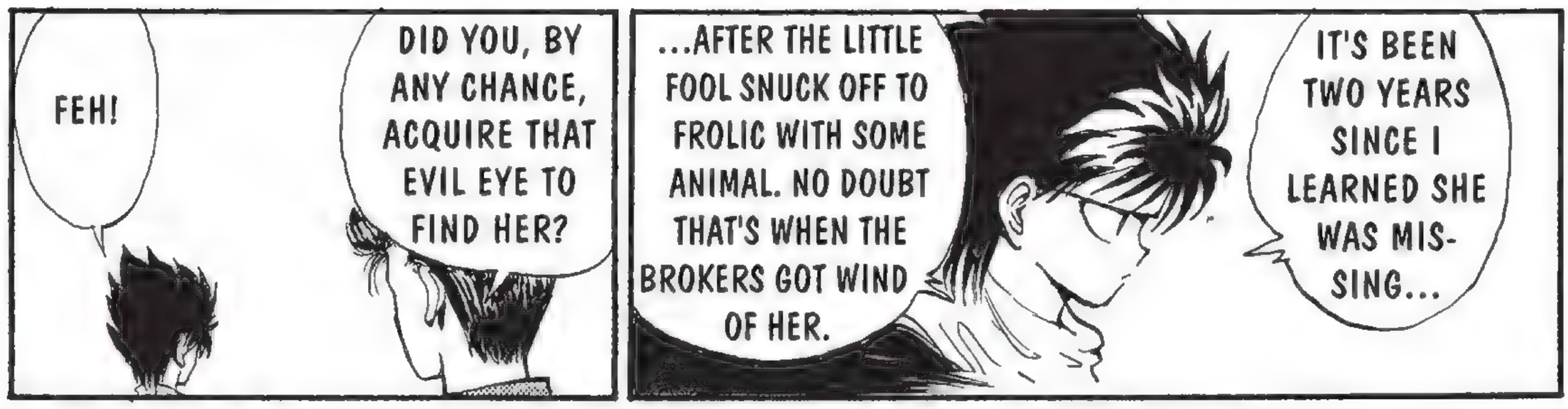


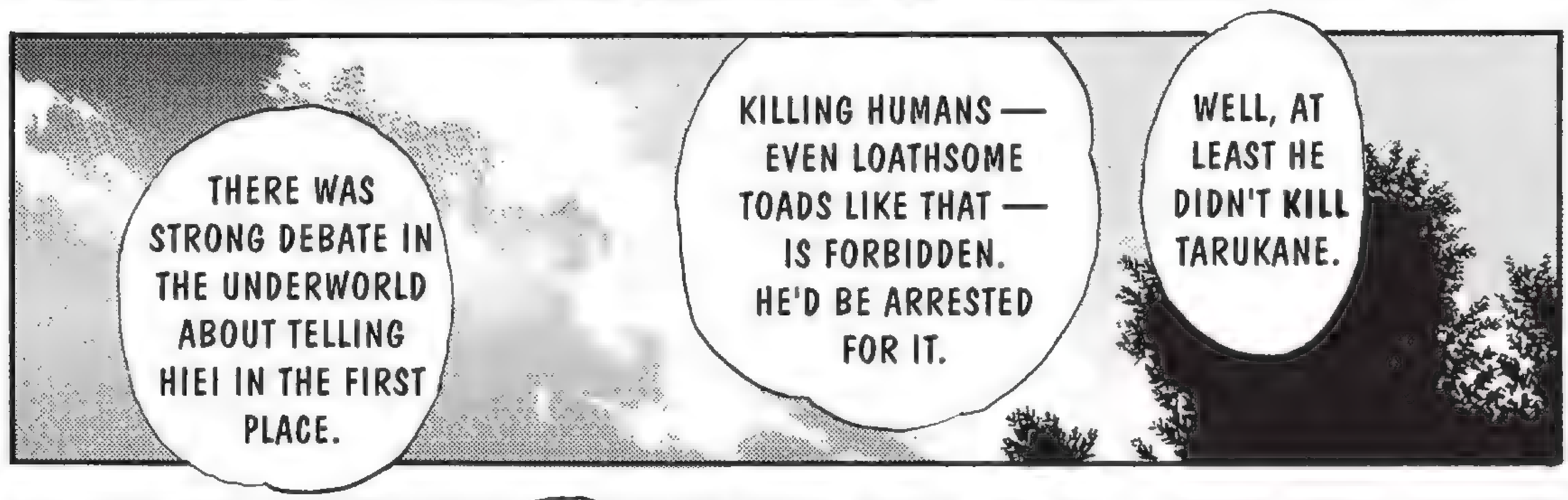


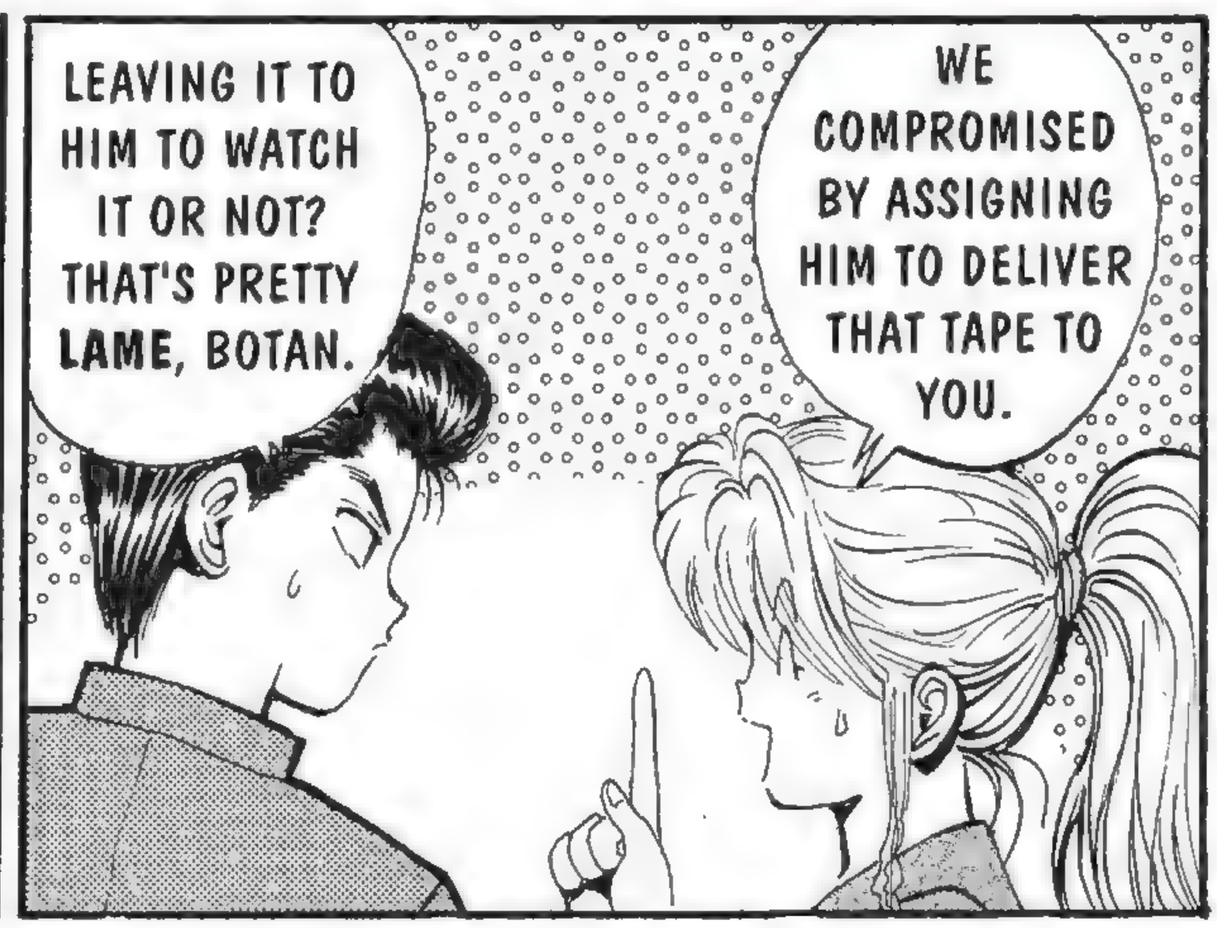
WE HAVE DIFFERENT MOTHERS, AND SHE'S AN ICE MAIDEN... THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO KEEP TO THEIR WINTRY REALM.

YUKINA DOESN'T KNOW, AND THERE'S NO REASON SHE SHOULD.

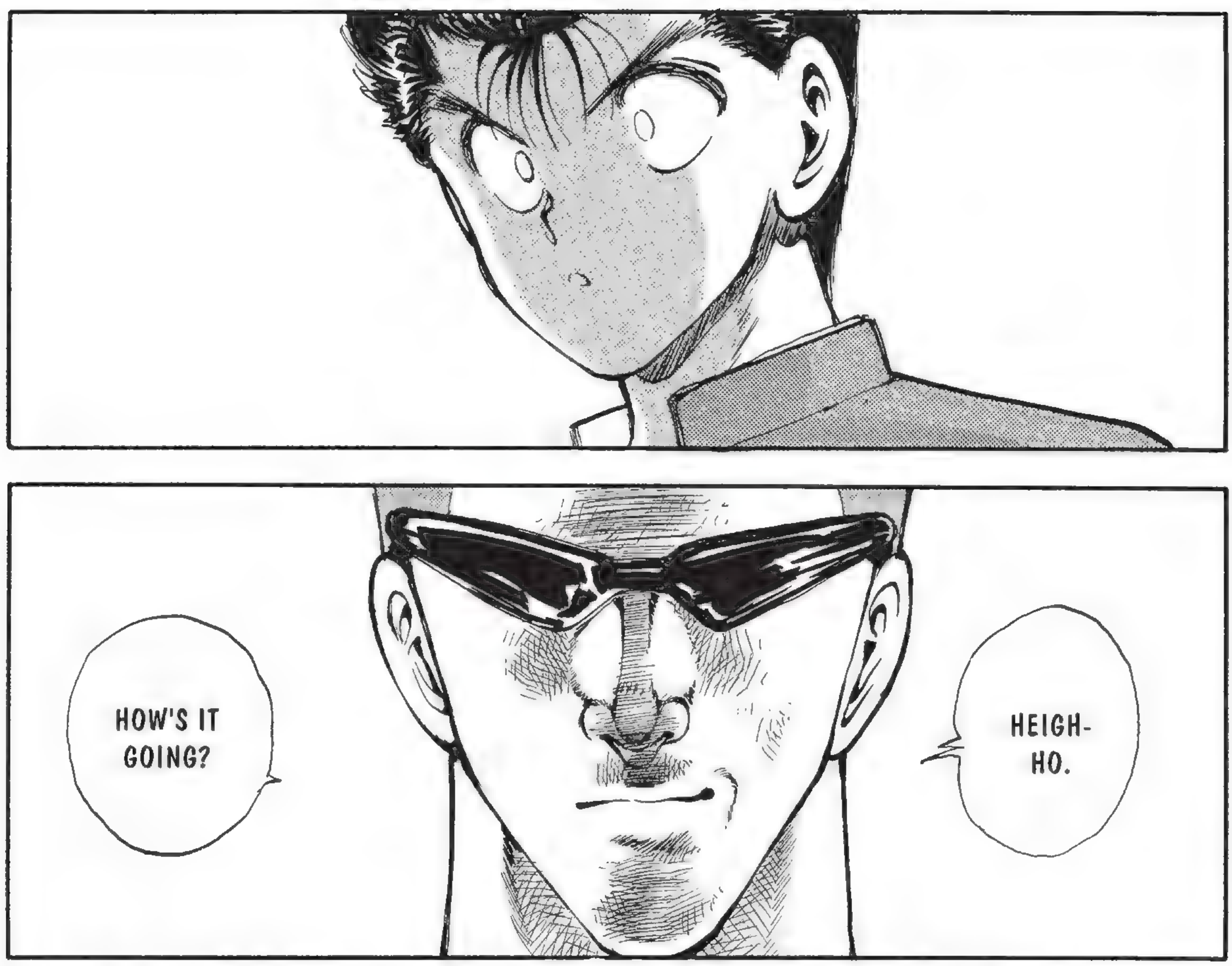
YEAH...







TUP
...SINCE I'VE HIT THE PACHINKO PARLORS.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE...


HOW'S IT GOING?
HEIGH-HO.

QUIVER
QUIVER

?!

KEE-RIPES!!
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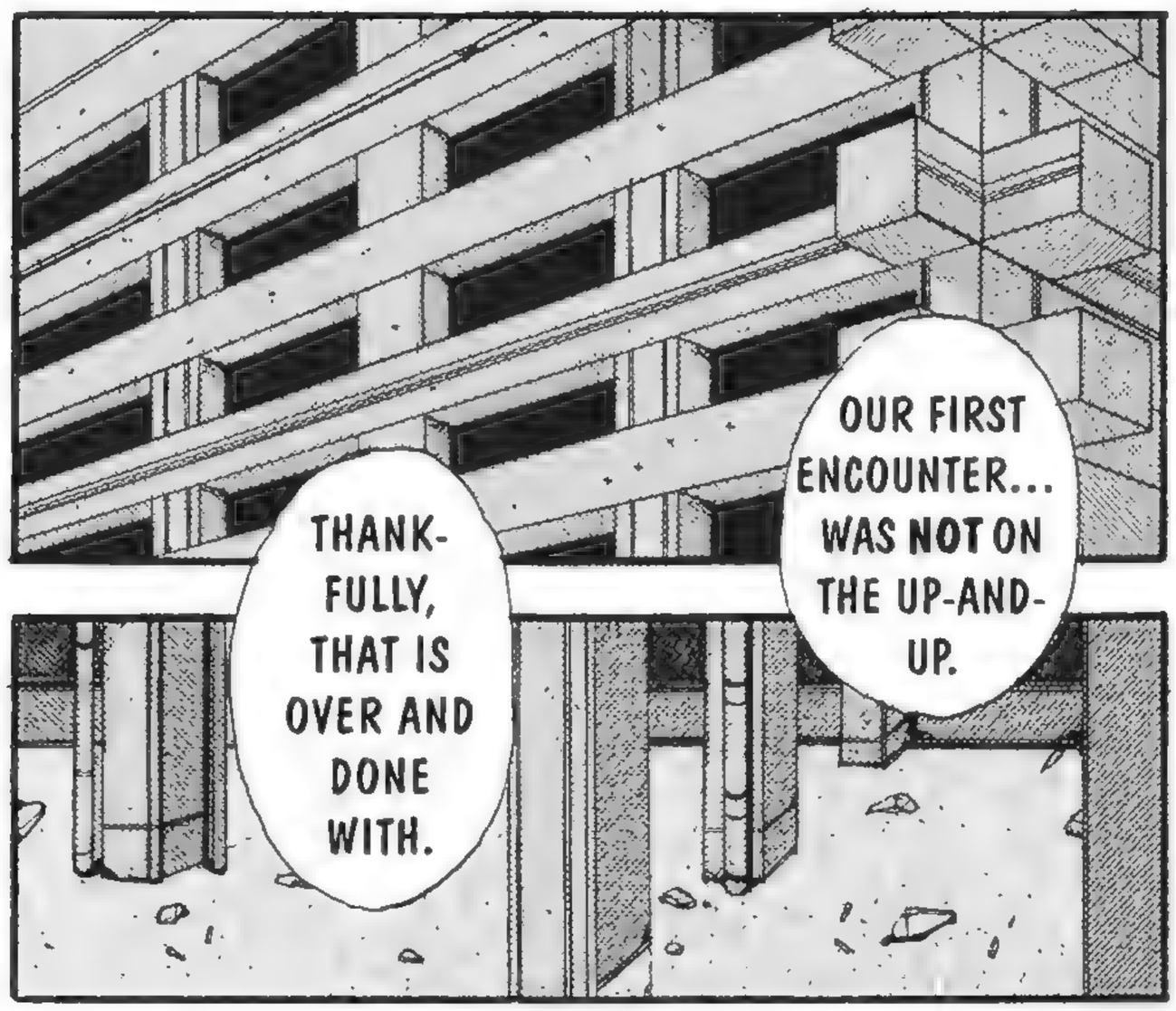
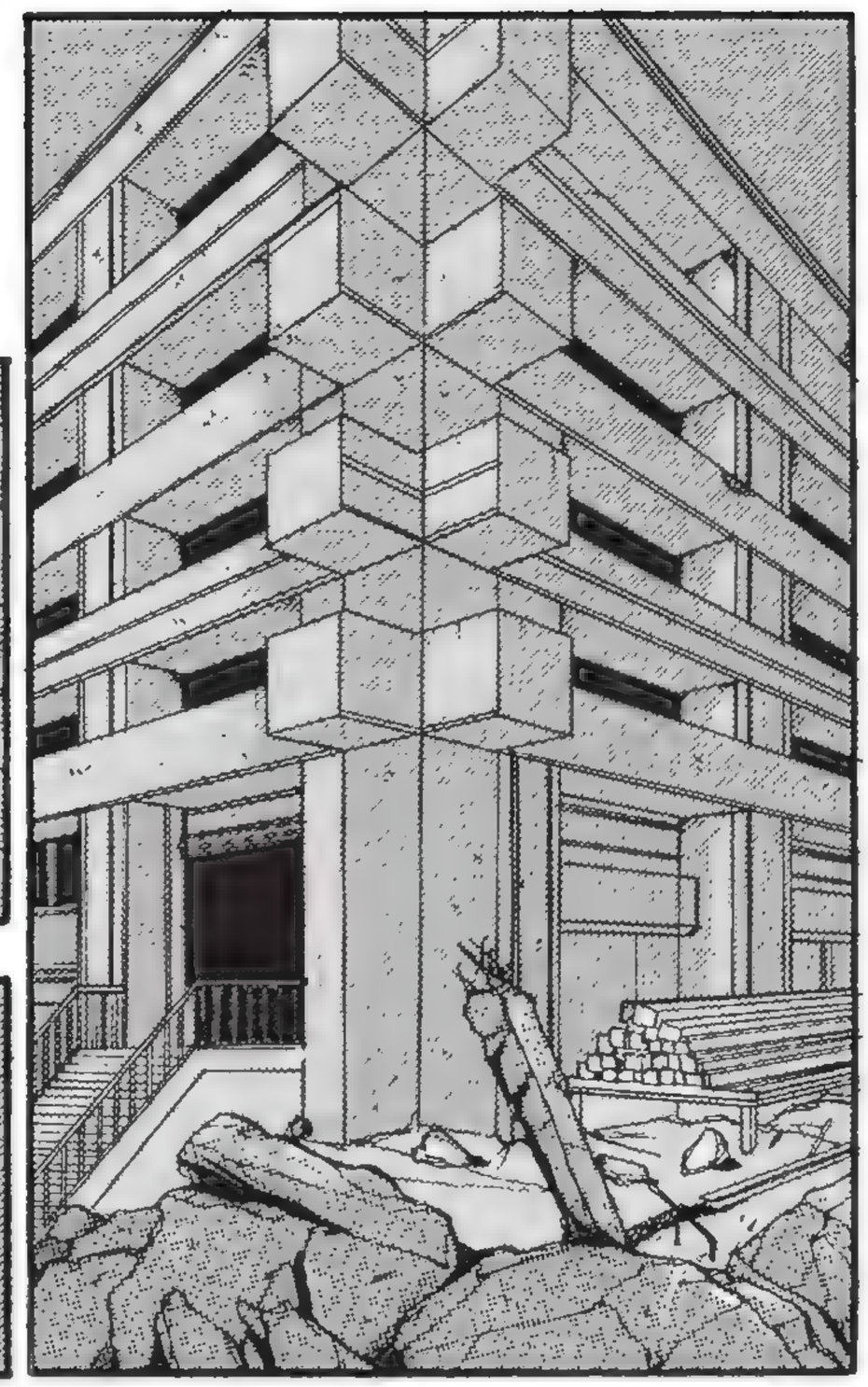
WE NEED TO TALK.
COME WITH ME.

—YOU DIED!
YOU! BUT—


THANK-FULLY, THAT IS OVER AND DONE WITH.
OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER... WAS NOT ON THE UP-AND-UP.



...A SECRET BETWEEN TWO MEN, YOU MIGHT SAY.
NOW, I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS SOMETHING PERSONAL...

GET TO IT!!
YOU GOT A POINT?
...YOU SCARED OF ME?
HEH...

HAH!
DON'T KID YOURSELF!
TOUGH GUY, HUH? WELL...
...YOUR INSTINCTS KNOW OTHERWISE.
IF YOU COULD LEARN ONE THING, LEARN TO RECOGNIZE DANGER.
YOU ARE STRONG...
...AND YOU'LL GET STRONGER.
THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT I'D SHOW YOU...
...THE REAL ME!
BULGE
CRIICK
HAAAAAH!
IT'S ALL ABOUT MUSCLE MASS.
IN OUR FIRST FIGHT, I WAS PROBABLY AT 20%.
...

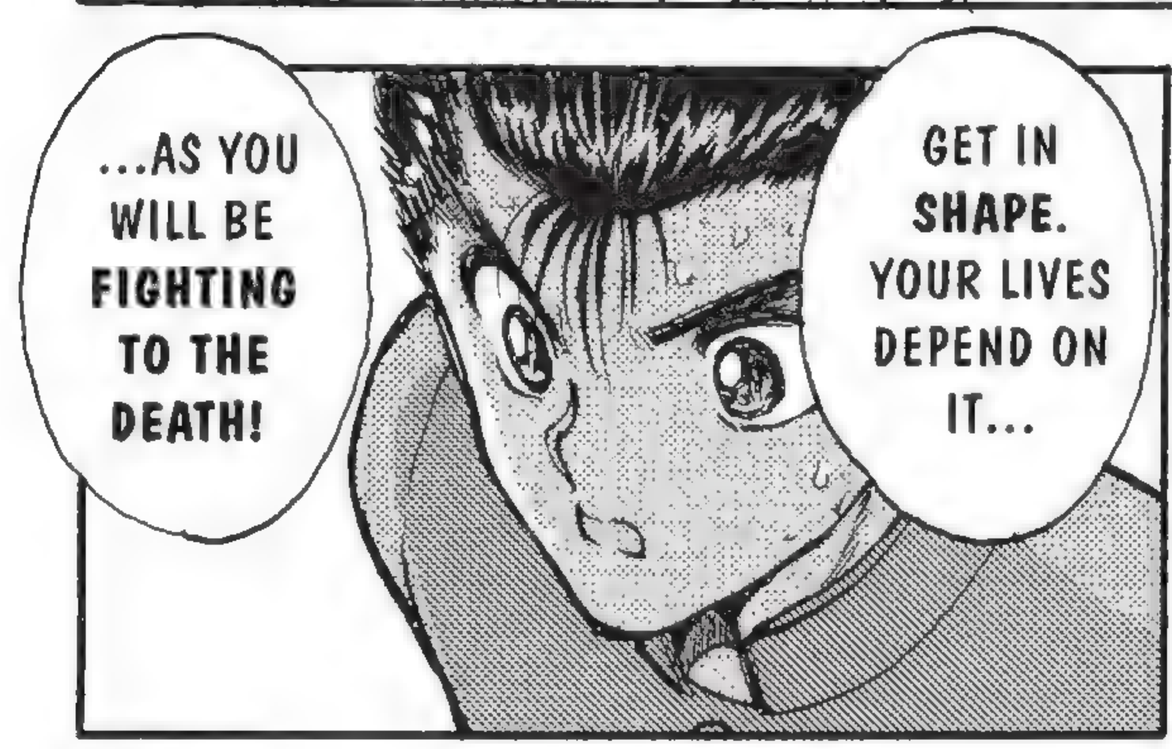
PHEW...
I COULD LEVEL THIS BUILDING IN THREE MINUTES! WANNA SEE?
I'M NOW UP TO ABOUT 60%.
DOOM
DOOM
DOOM
DOOM

ER...
UH...
.....

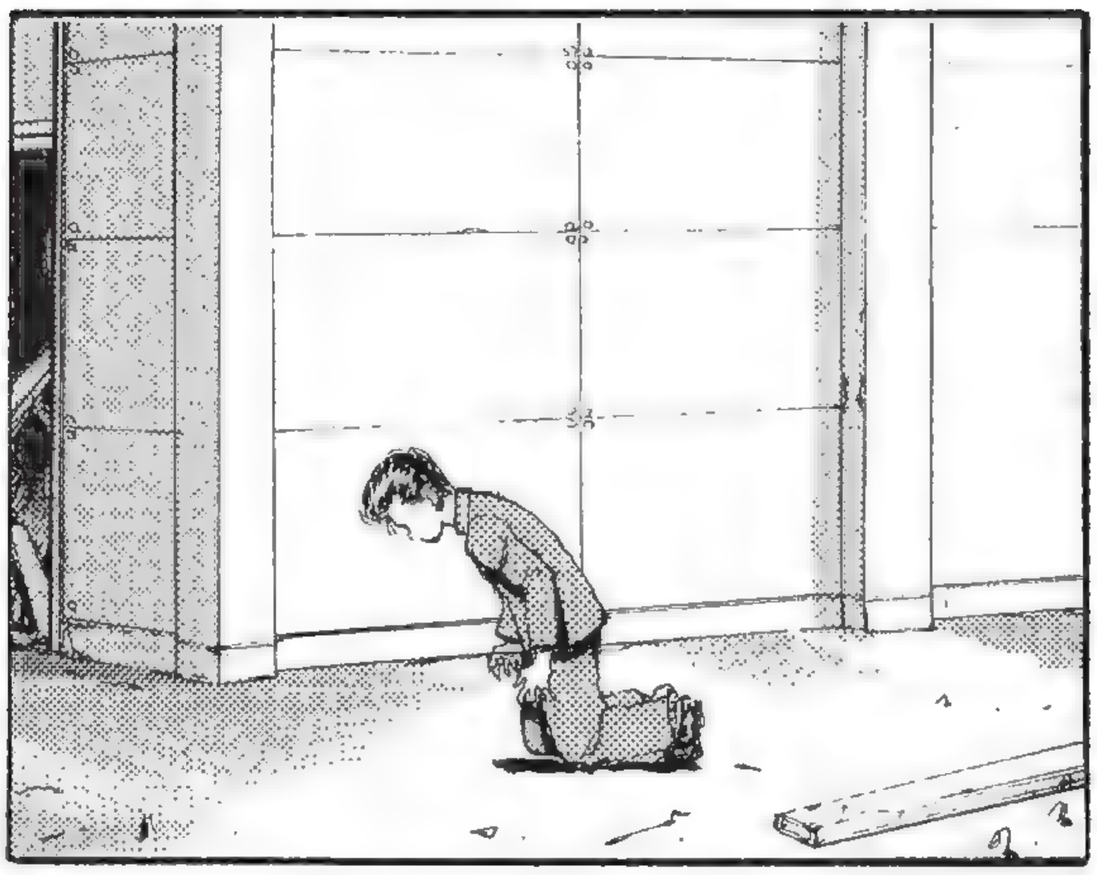
IN TWO MONTHS, A **TOURNAMENT** WILL BE HELD.

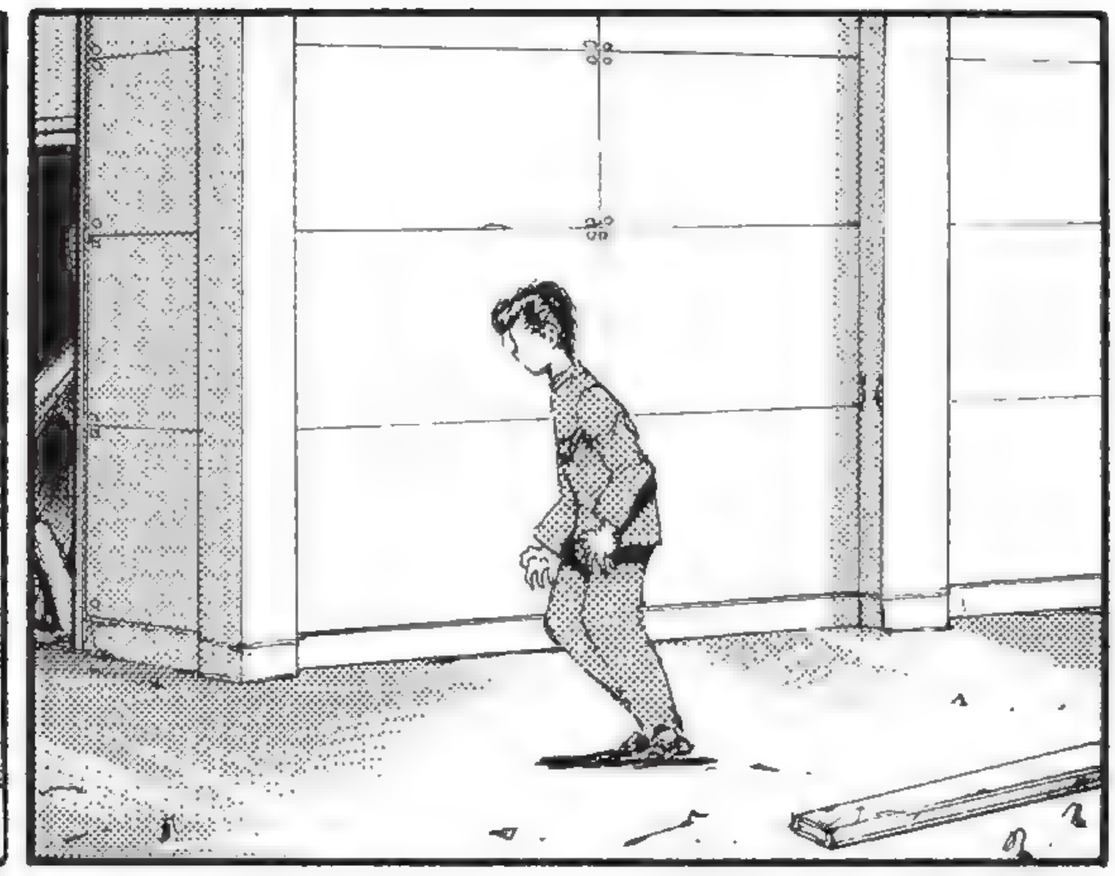
SWFT

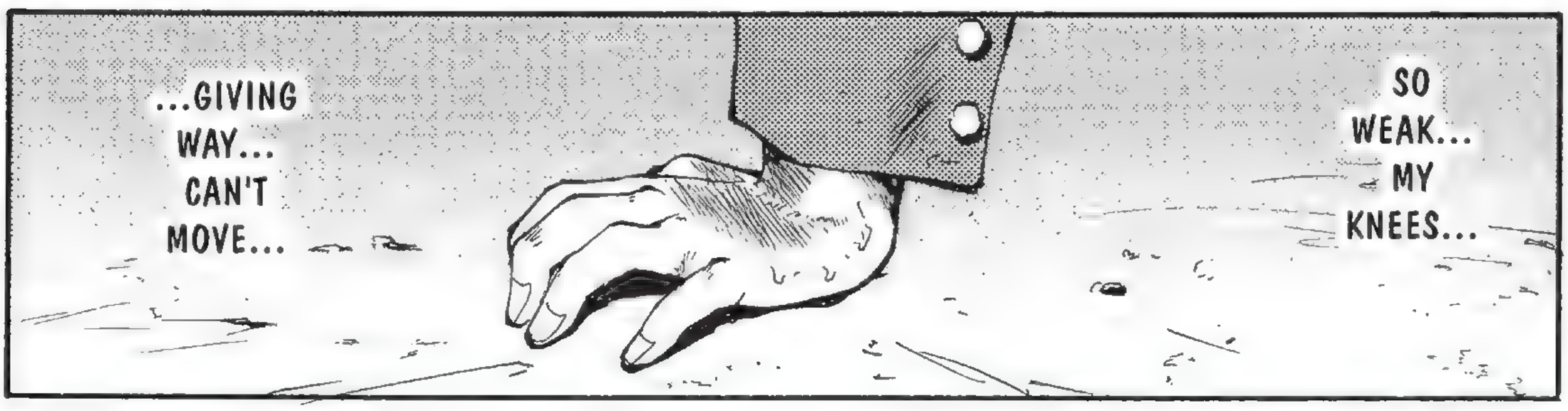
THE HUMANS DO IT FOR MONEY AND THRILLS... WE **DEMONS** DO IT FOR BLOOD AND PLEASURE.
WEALTHY HUMANS WHO GET THEIR POWER FROM THE DARK WORLD SPONSOR TEAMS OF FIVE DEMONS— THE STRONGEST AND MOST SKILLED.


...AS YOU WILL BE **FIGHTING TO THE DEATH!**
GET IN **SHAPE.** YOUR LIVES DEPEND ON IT...

I EXTEND TO YOU AND KUWABARA AN INVITATION TO COMPETE.
REFUSE, AND I WILL **KILL YOU** RIGHT NOW.

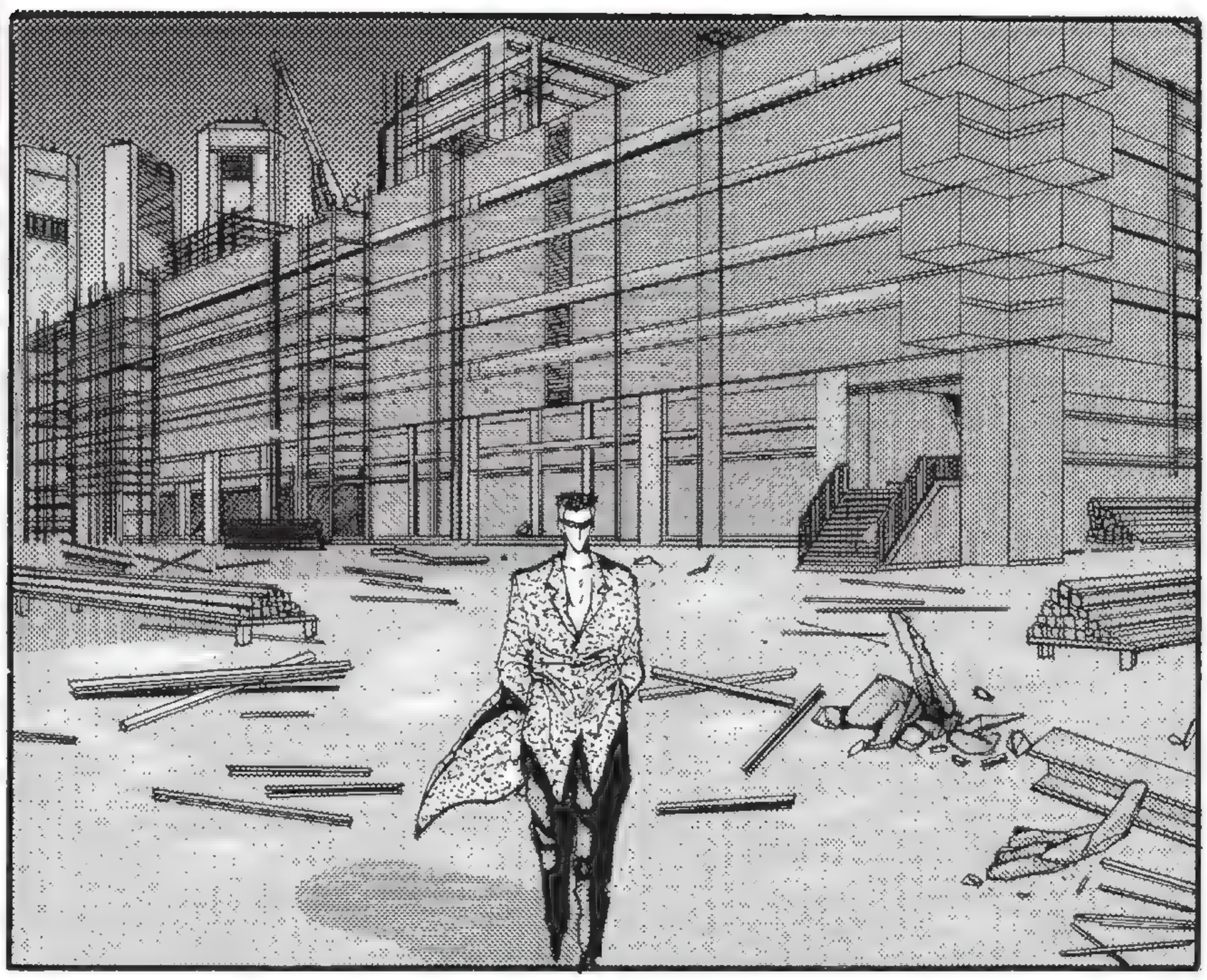


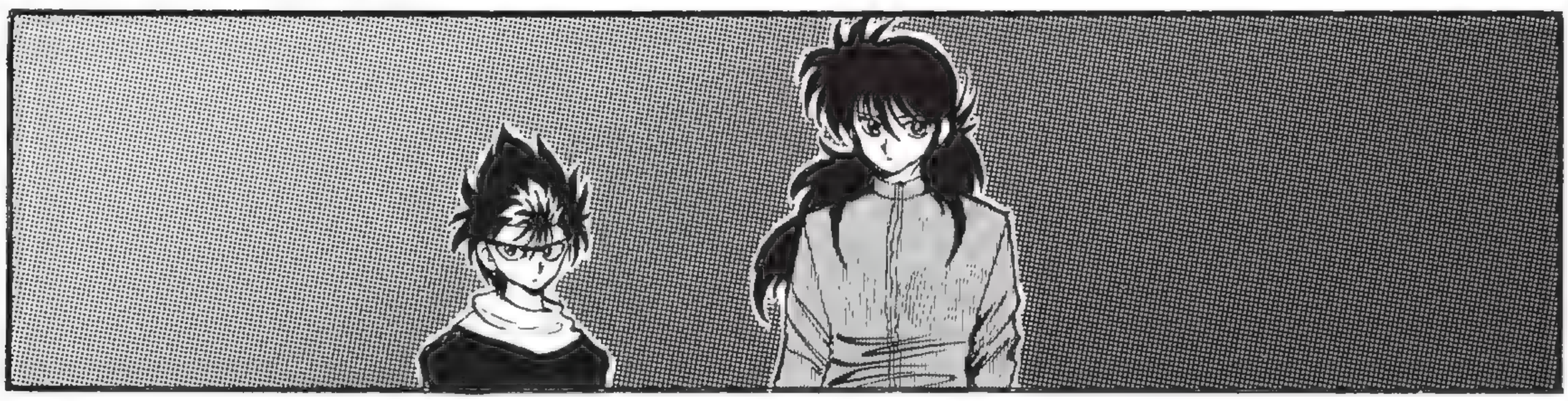




NOT GOOD...!!

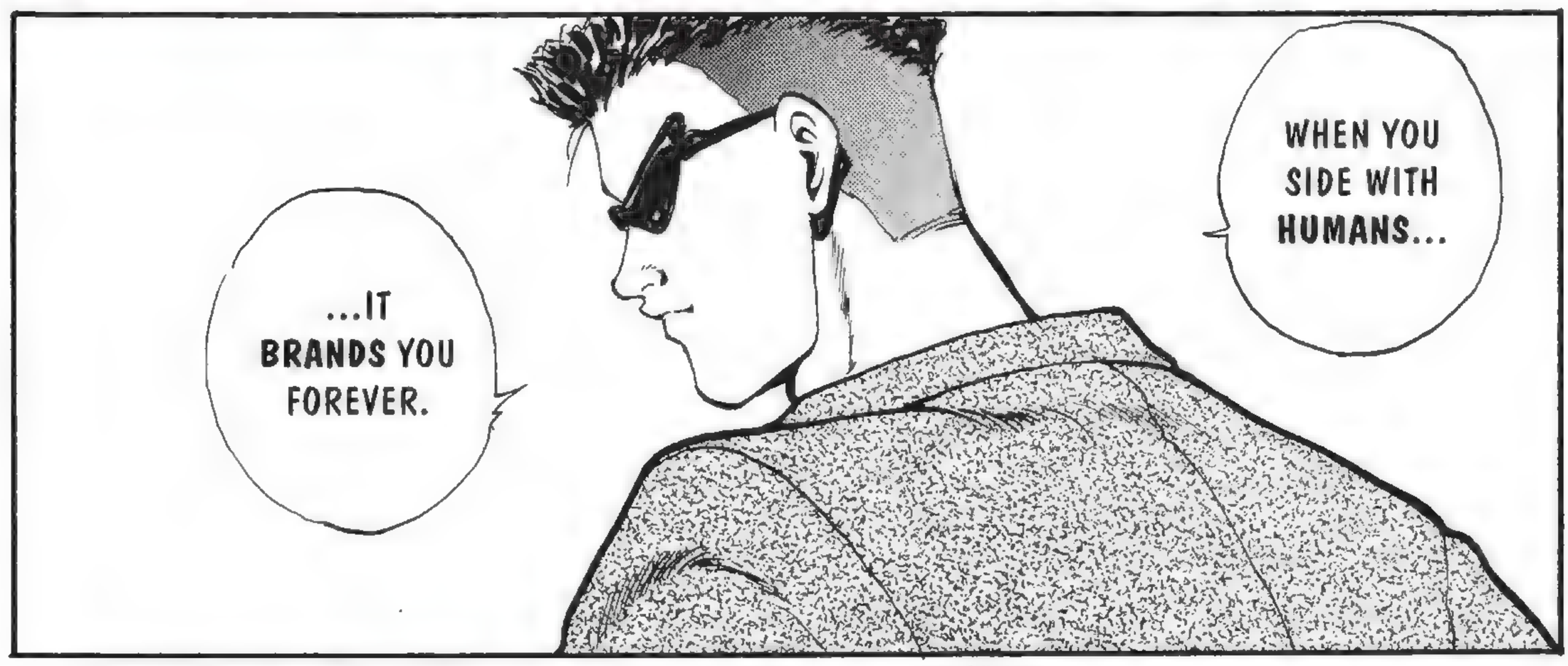
NOT GOOD...

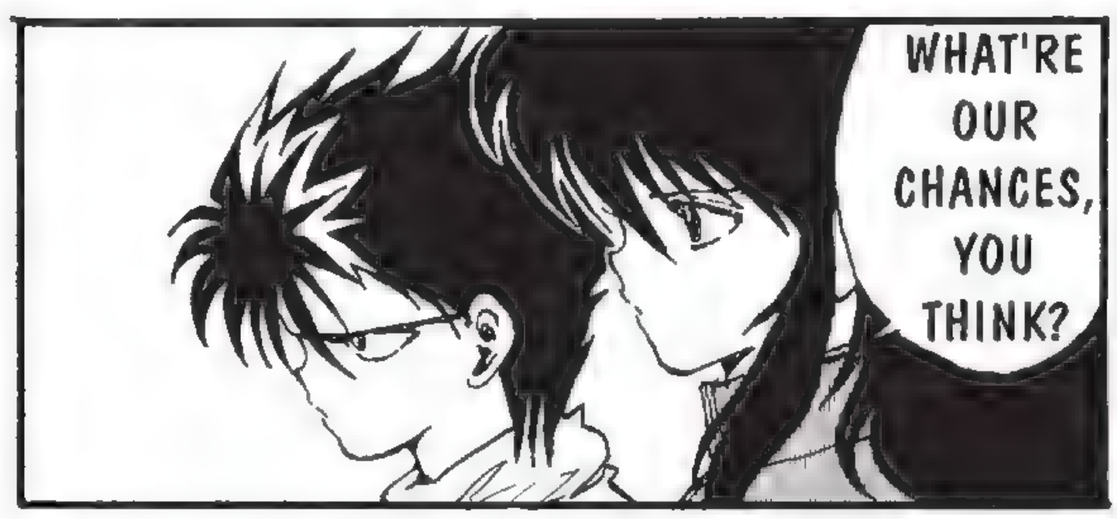




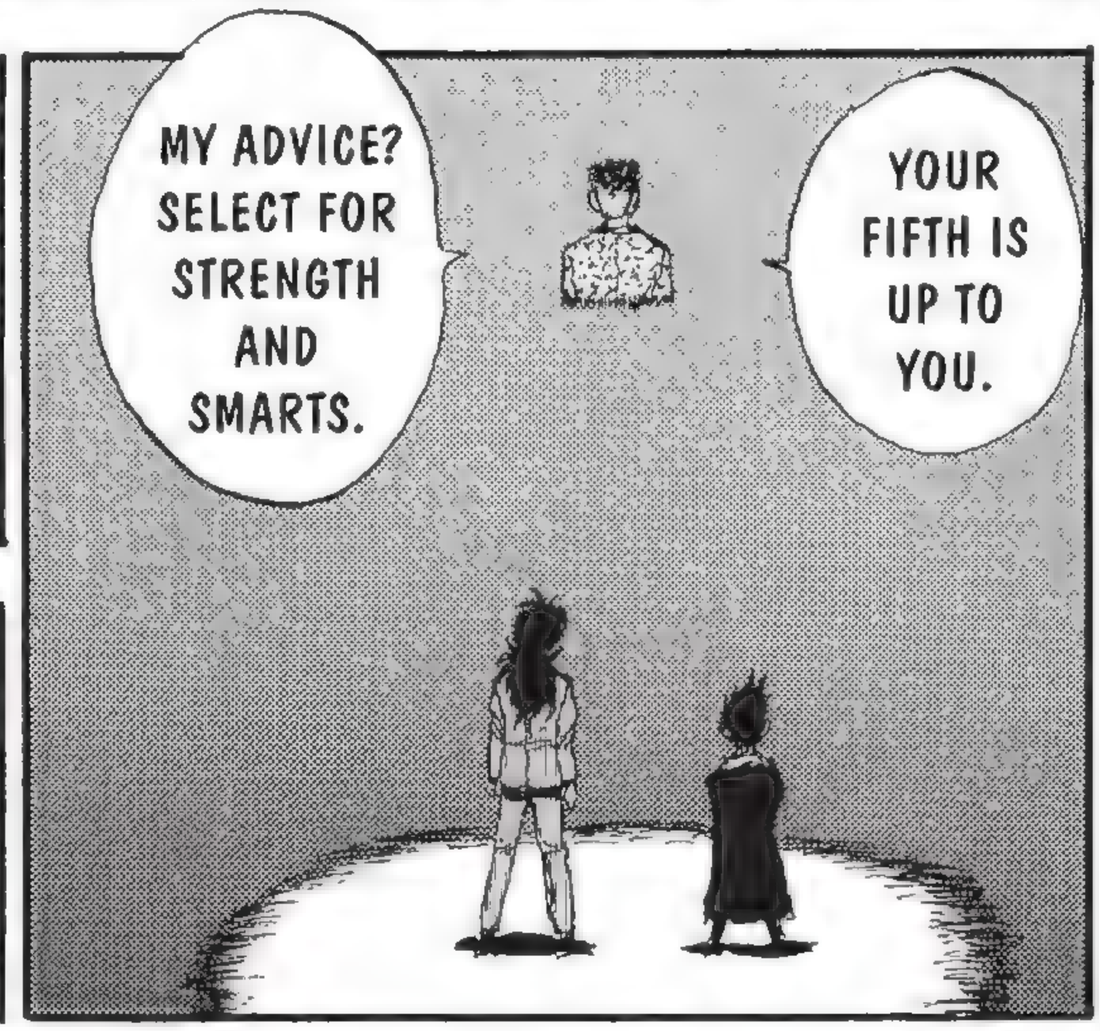
YOU'LL BE ON URAMESHI'S TEAM, OF COURSE.

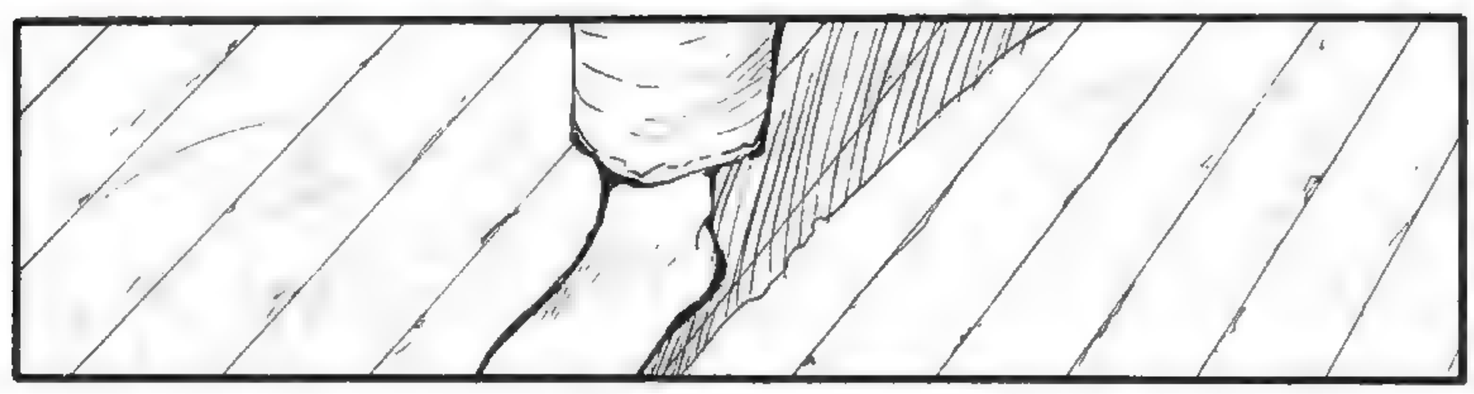
...THAT YOU'VE RECEIVED **YOUR** INVITATIONS.
I SEE BY YOUR FACES...

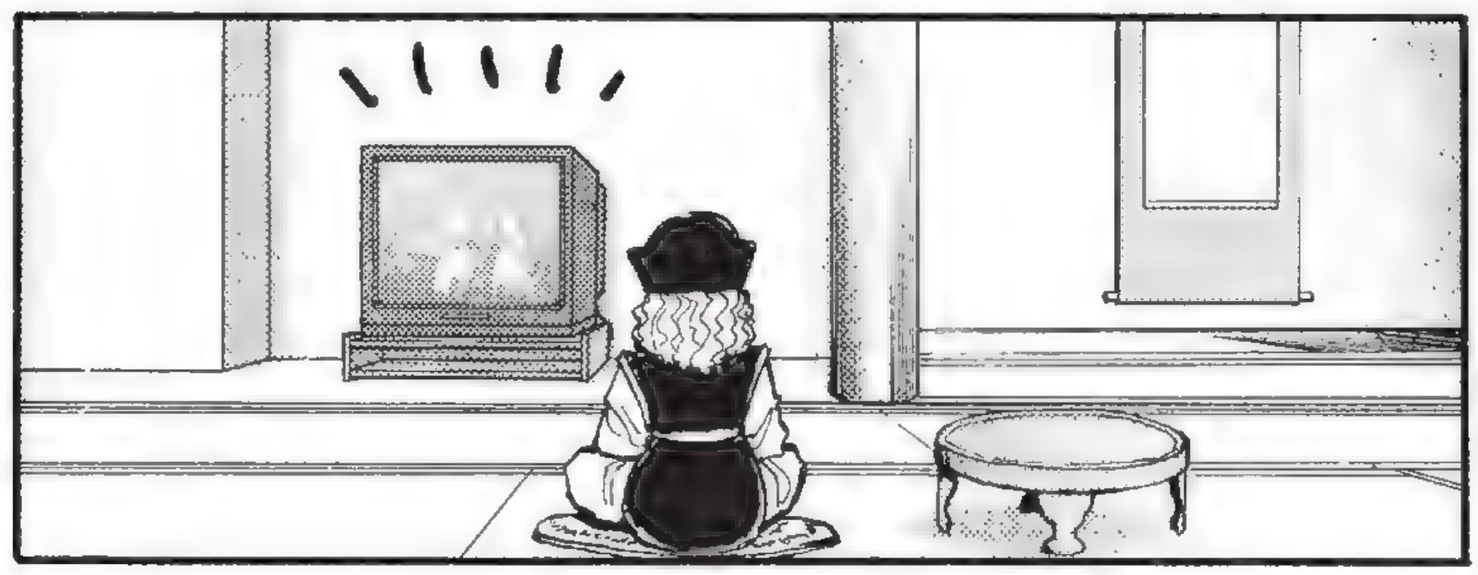

...IT **BRANDS** YOU FOREVER.
WHEN YOU SIDE WITH **HUMANS**...


WHAT'RE OUR CHANCES, YOU THINK?

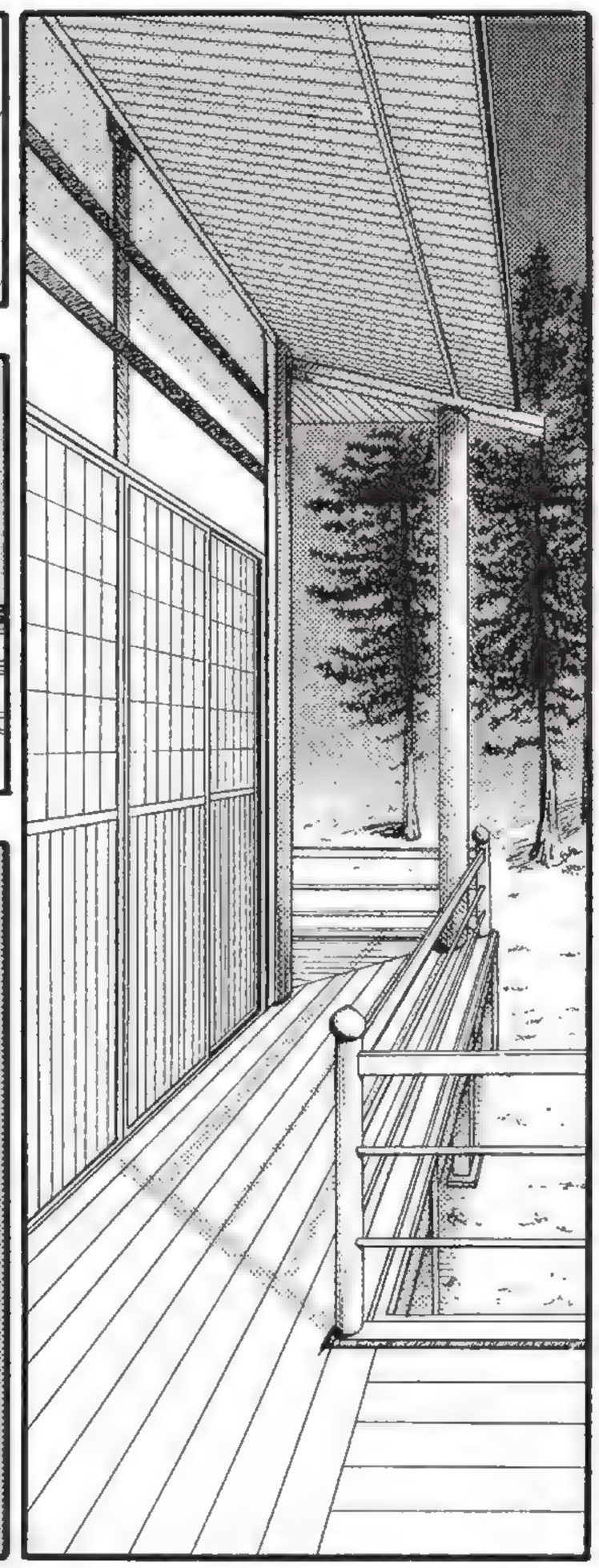
COULDN'T SAY.


MY ADVICE? SELECT FOR STRENGTH AND SMARTS.
YOUR FIFTH IS UP TO YOU.





...TO WHAT DO I OWE THIS PLEASURE?
WELL, WELL...



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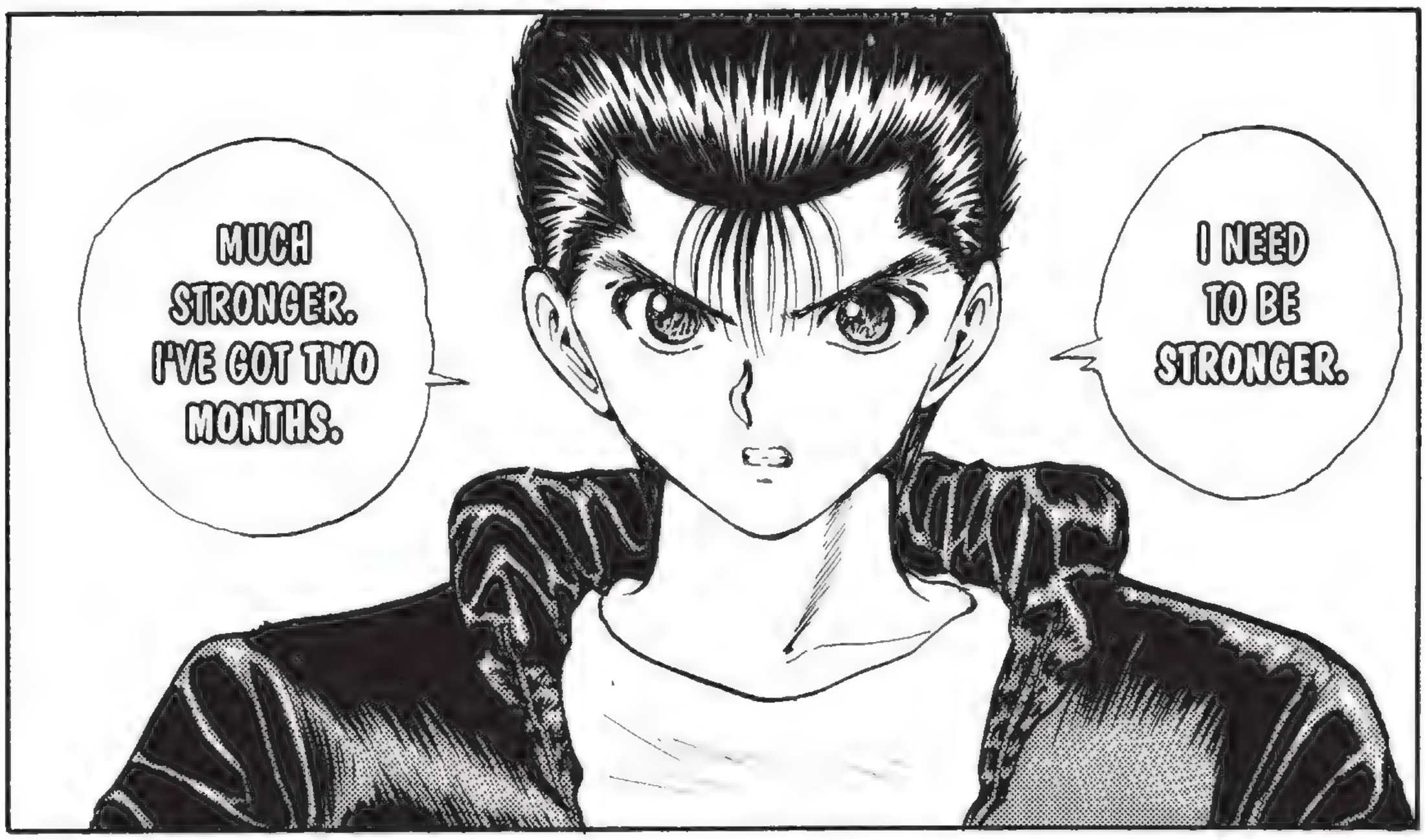

MUCH STRONGER. I'VE GOT TWO MONTHS.
I NEED TO BE STRONGER.

IT AIN'T GONNA BE EASY.

FINALLY TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY?
HMPH...

TIME
PASSES...

...TWO
MONTHS
GO BY...

THE DARK
TOURNAMENT
BEGINS!!

THE DARK TOURNAMENT!

FOR UNBRIDLED CLASHES OF EVIL, NOTHING MATCHES THIS CONTEST, HELD BY MORTALS MADE WEALTHY AND POWERFUL THROUGH THE FORCES OF DARKNESS! IN IT, SELECTED FIVE-MEMBER TEAMS BATTLE TO THE DEATH!

REFUSING TO COMPETE MEANS DEATH. THE ONLY WAY TO SURVIVE IS TO WIN.

THOUGH DEMONS ARE THE TYPICAL CONTESTANTS, HUMANS WHO HAVE STUCK THEIR NOSES TOO FAR INTO UNDERWORLD AFFAIRS ARE OFTEN FORCED TO JOIN "GUEST" TEAMS.

GUESTS THIS ROUND ARE:

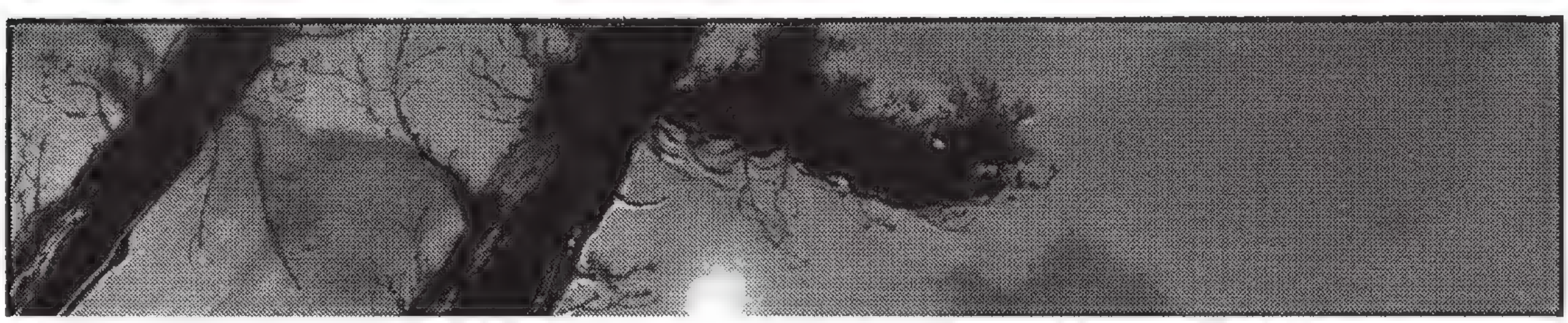
HIEI: DEMON

KURAMA: DEMON

YUSUKE URAMESHI: HUMAN

KAZUMA KUWABARA: HUMAN

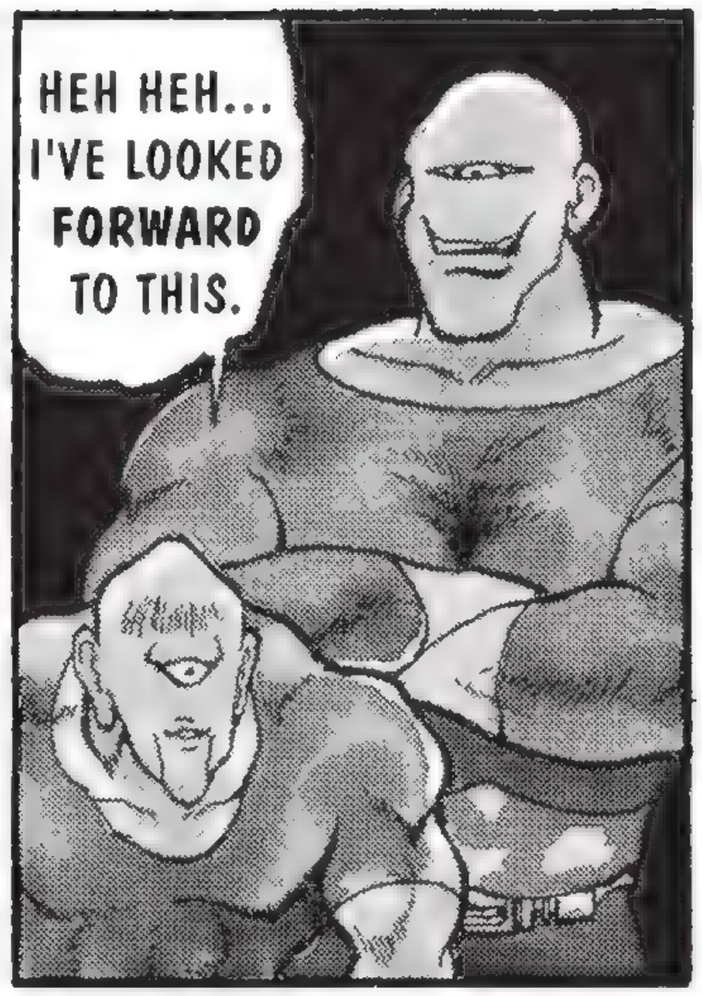
WHOOSH



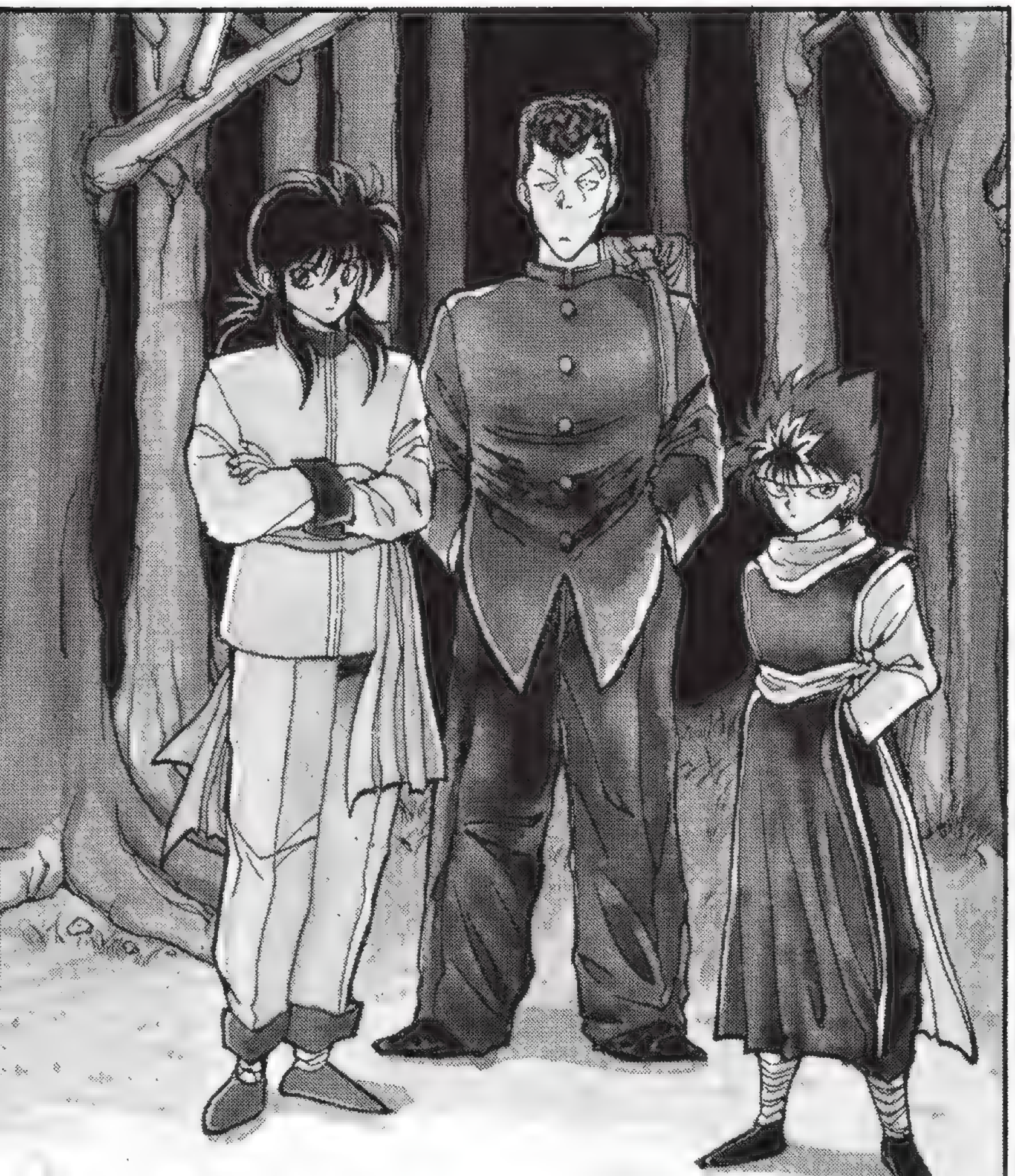
Who?
NIDS

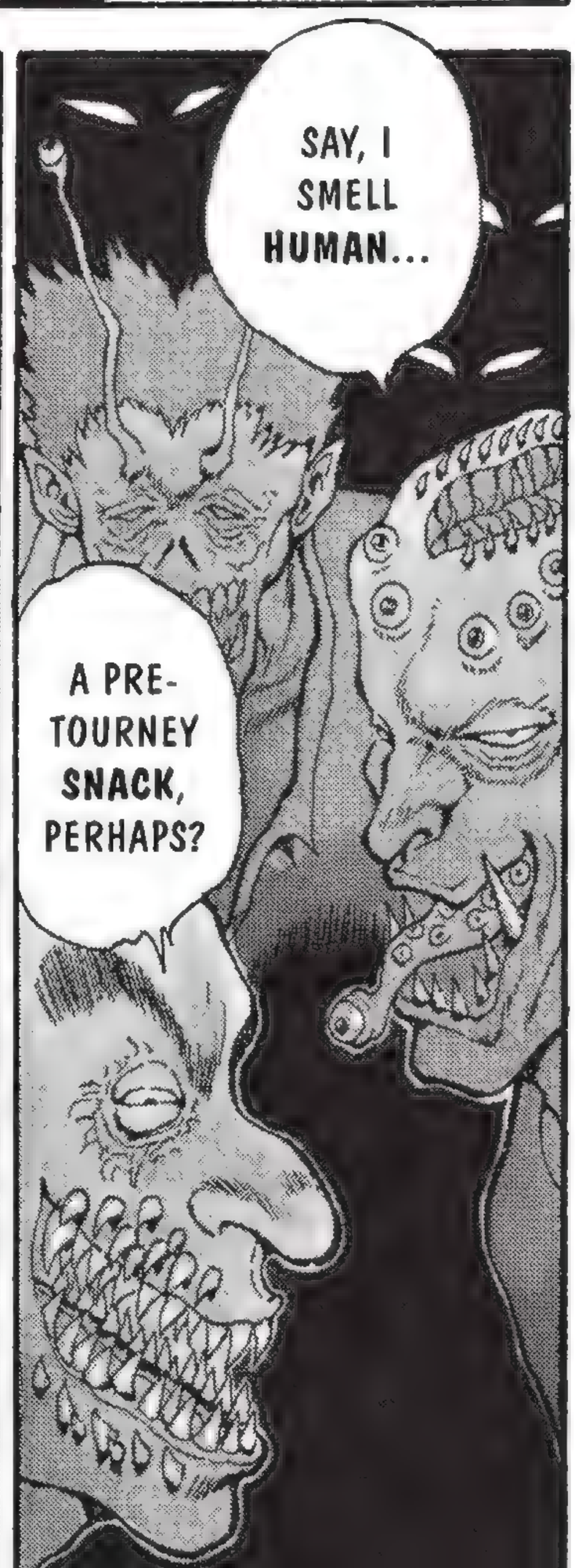
I'M ALREADY DROOLING.
I'LL DINE ON A THOUSAND HUMANS.

WE WIN, WE GET WHATEVER WE WANT.
YEAH! WE CAN RUN COMPLETELY AMOK.


HEH HEH... I'VE LOOKED FORWARD TO THIS.

YOU'LL HAFTA EAT THOSE WORDS!
DON'T GET TOO EXCITED. YOU HAVE TO BEAT US, AND THAT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN.




SAY, I SMELL HUMAN...
A PRE-TOURNEY SNACK, PERHAPS?

KURAMA'S HELPED ME SHAPE UP!
ME? YOU BETCHA!

...AND THE DARK WORLD'S GONNA FEAR ME! NO DEMON WILL DARE MESS WITH YUKINA AGAIN!
I'M GONNA WIN...

NEVER MIND ALL THAT. ARE YOU READY?
...AND WE NEVER ROUNDED UP A FIFTH TEAMMATE.
THIS ISN'T STARTING WELL. URAMESHI'S LATE...

ALL ABOARD, EVERYBODY. TIME TO GO.

NO NEED FOR THAT.

WE'LL SEND ASSASSINS TO DEAL WITH 'IM.
YEAH? RULES SAY YER LATE, YER A REFUSER.

HOLD IT! ONE "GUEST" ISN'T HERE YET!

SORRY TO HOLD UP THE PARTY.

THE ONE WHO GOT RANDO AND SUZAKU...

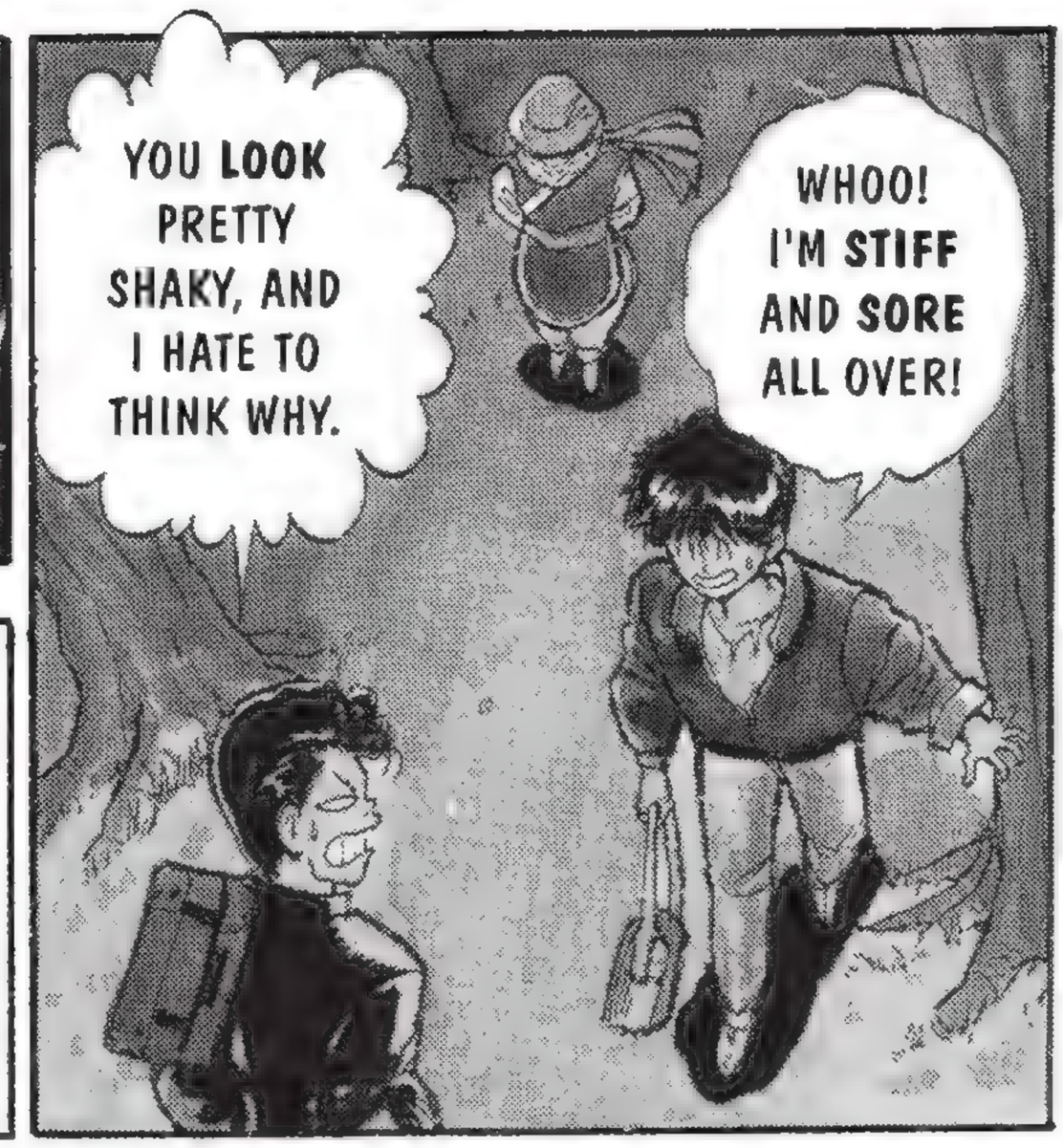
URAMESHI...?

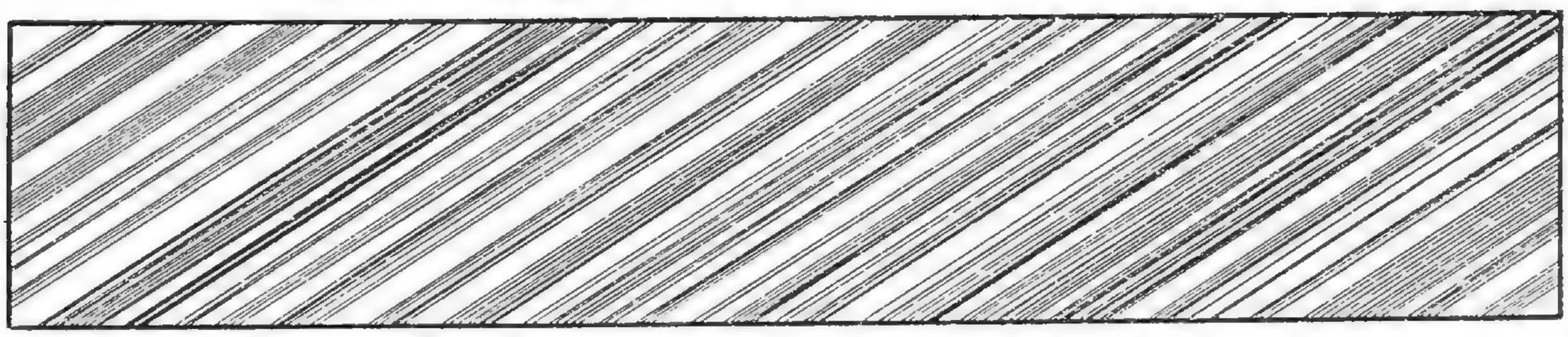
WE TAKE HIM DOWN, WE GOT IT MADE!

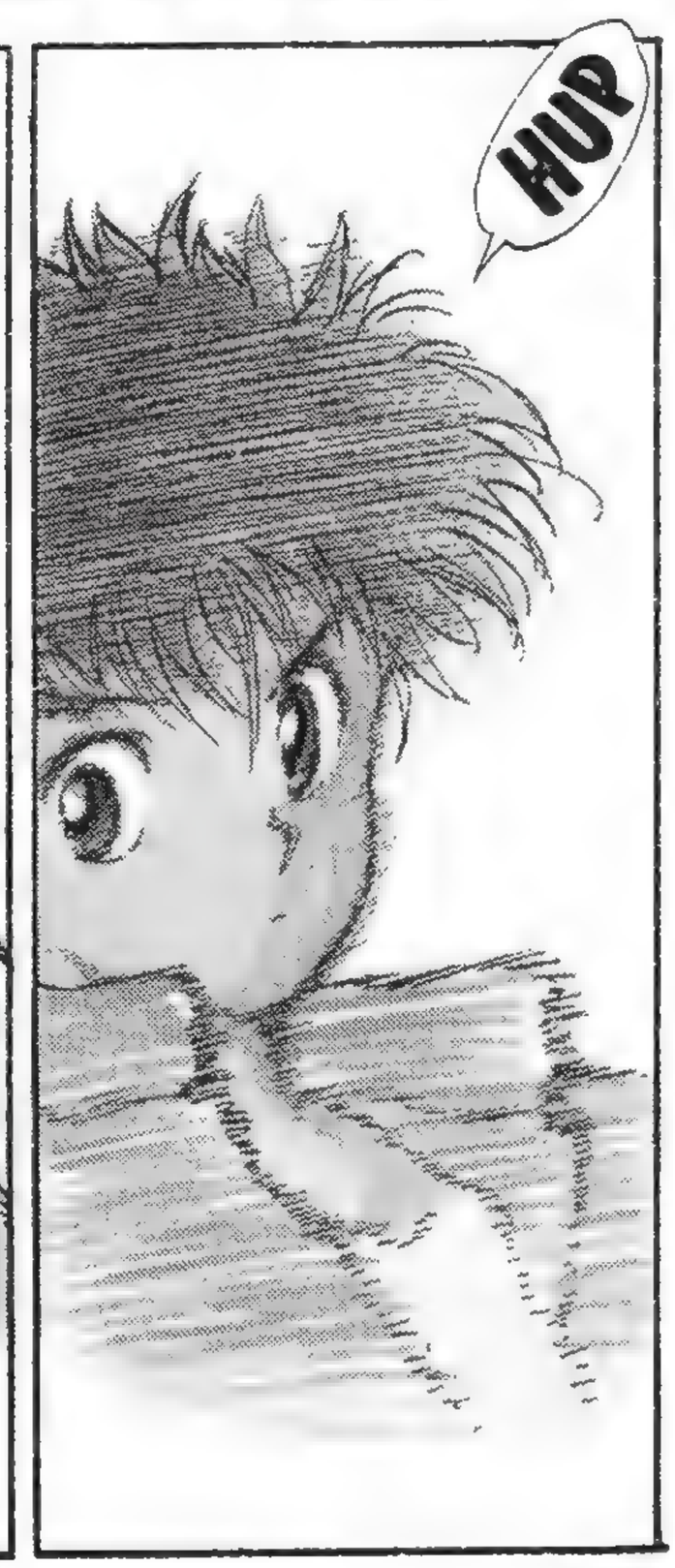
WHERE YOU BEEN, URAMESHI?!

.....

YUSUKE.


YOU LOOK PRETTY SHAKY, AND I HATE TO THINK WHY.
WHOO! I'M STIFF AND SORE ALL OVER!

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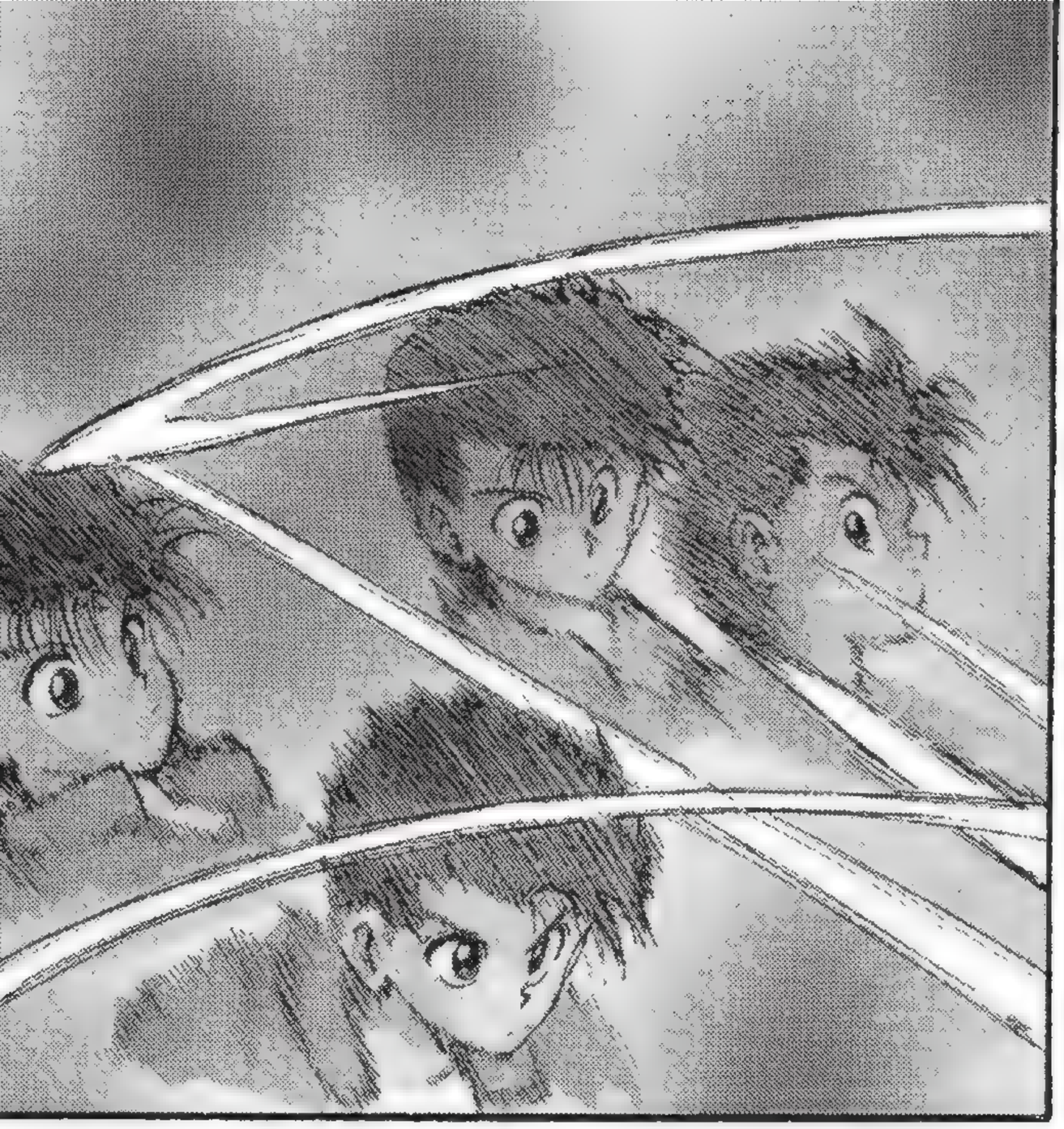

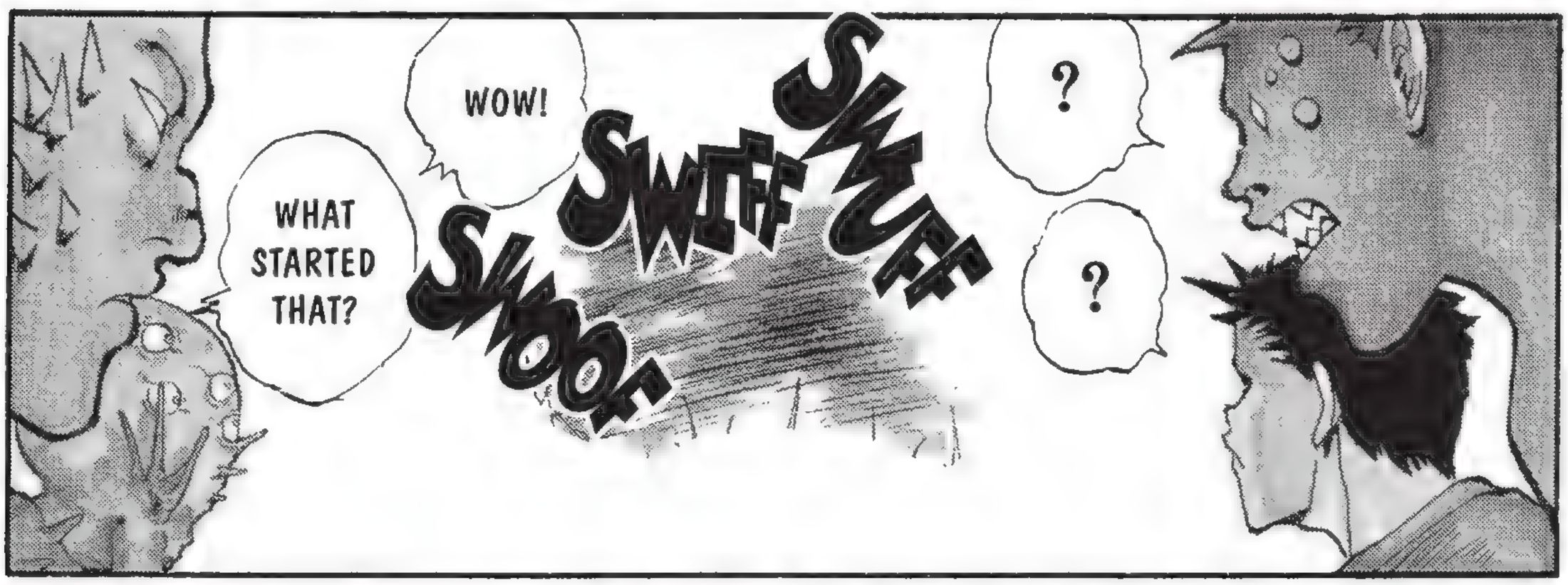
WHAT STARTED THAT?
WOW!
SNIFF SNIFF SNOOP
?
?

PHEW! NICE TO SEE YOU, TOO, HIEI.

THEY'RE MOVING SO...
...SO FAST I ALMOST CAN'T FOLLOW...

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID IT, BUT YOUR SKILLS ARE ALMOST ADEQUATE.
YOU DID FOLLOW THEIR MOVES, WHICH SHOWS YOU'VE PROGRESSED.
DON'T SWEAT IT.
"ALMOST ADEQUATE"? I COULDN'T MOVE LIKE THAT IN A MILLION YEARS!
I SUPPOSE SHORT STUFF HERE IS OUR FIFTH MEMBER?
HUH?
LET'S JUST SAY FOR A FIFTH, WE COULD DO WORSE.
IF I SNEEZED I'D BLOW HIM CLEAR TO MARS!
SOMEONE SHORTER THAN HIEI?! I CAN BARELY SEE HIM!
IT FILLS THE COUNT. YUSUKE AND I CAN TAKE UP ANY SLACK.
THAT SO? I DUNNO...
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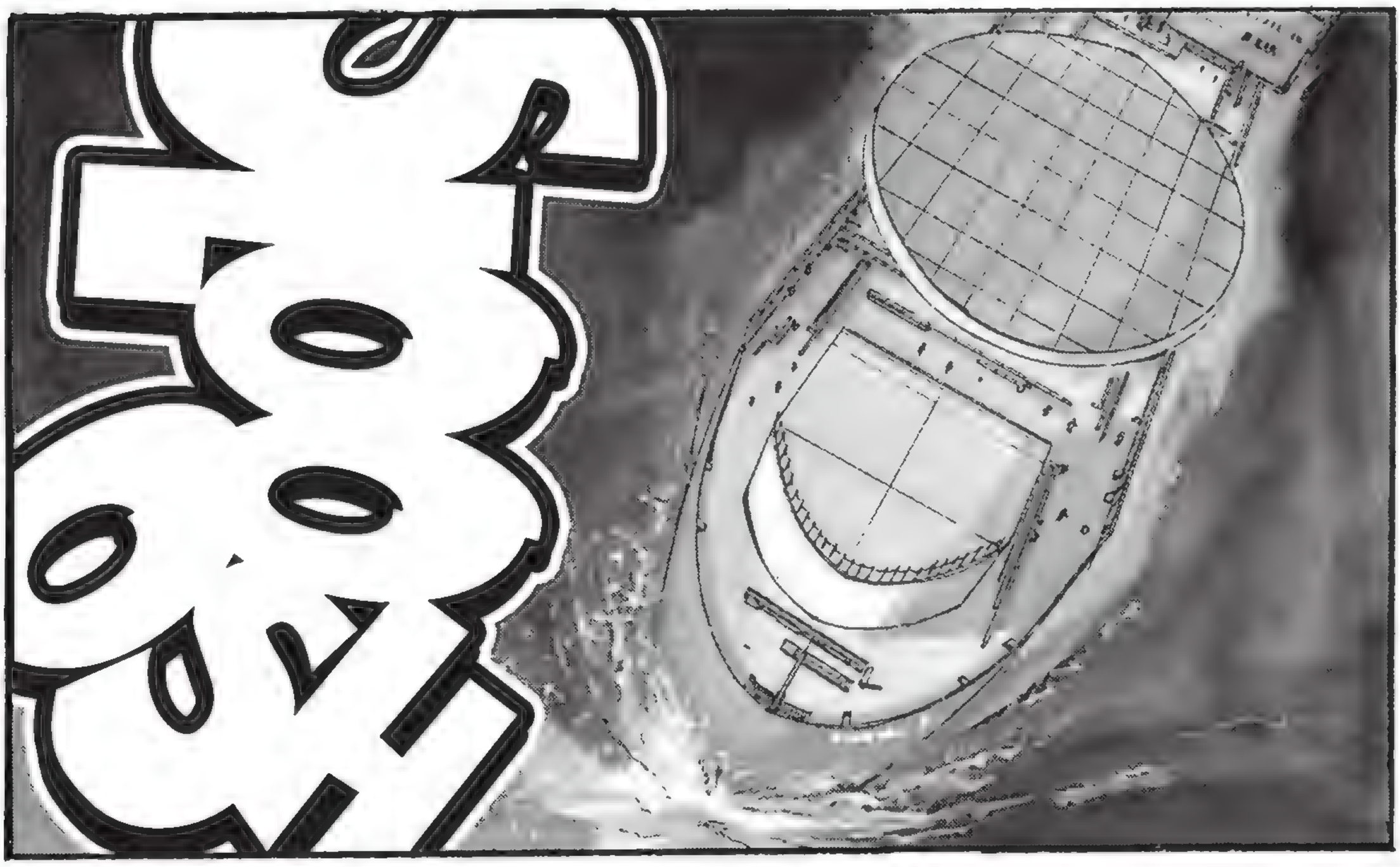
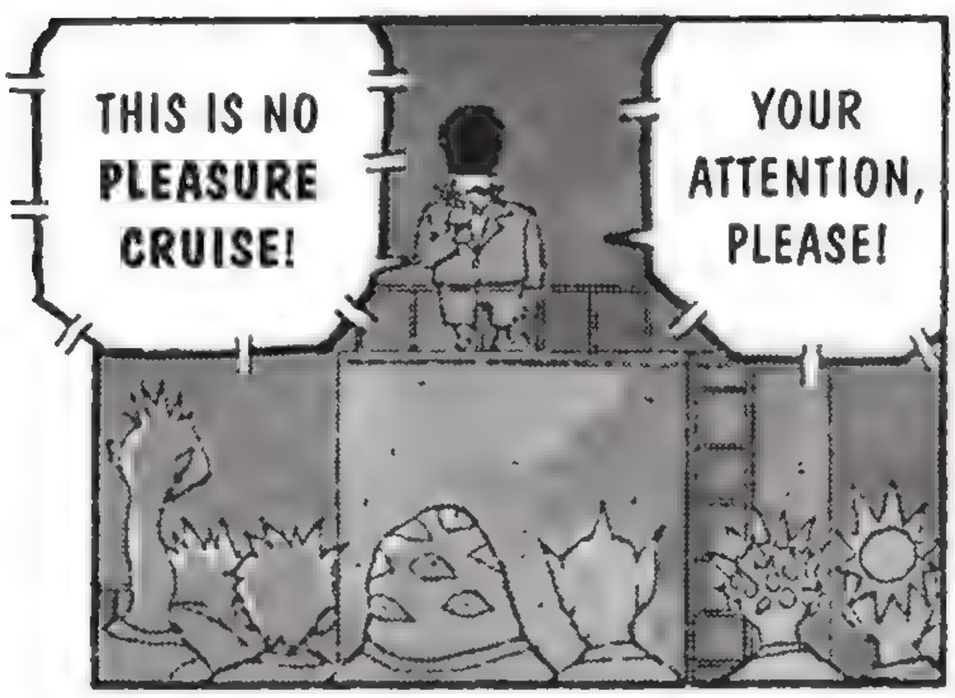
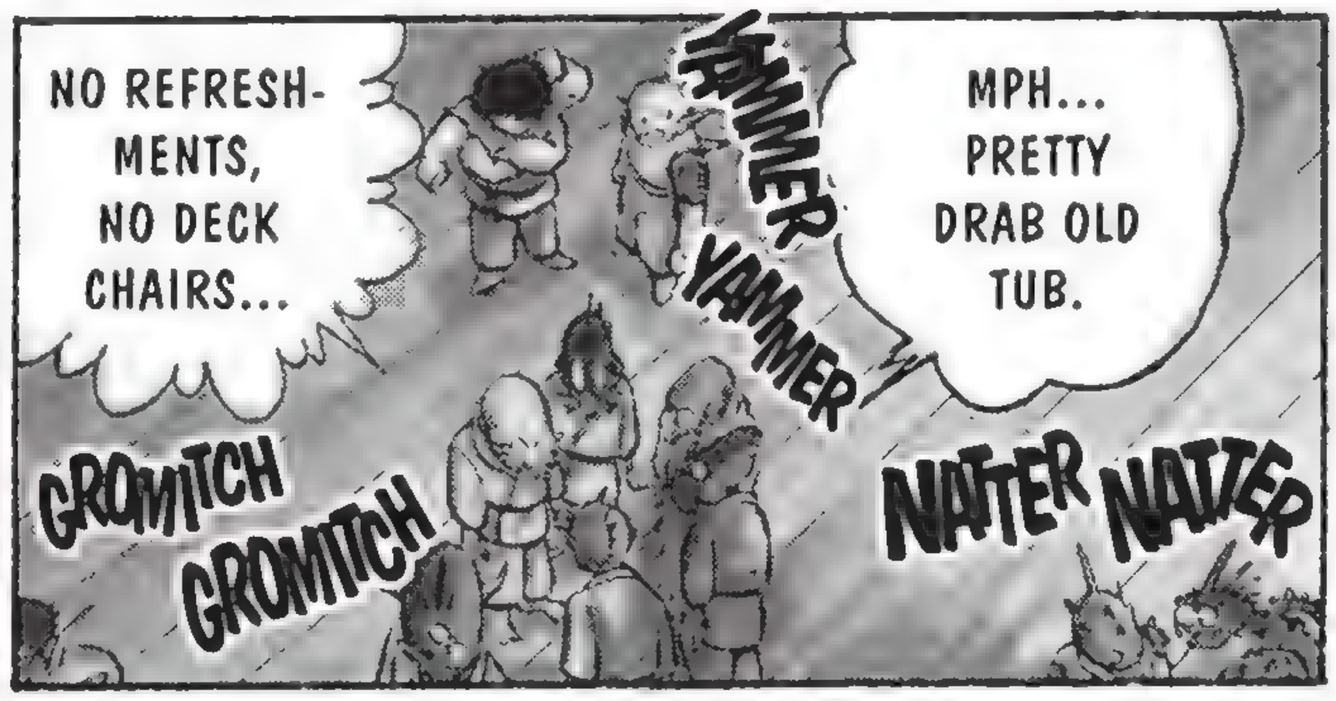
TWO HOURS TO HANGMAN ISLAND...
CLUNG CLUNG
UP ANCHOR!!




THIS IS NO PLEASURE CRUISE!
YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!


NO REFRESH-MENTS, NO DECK CHAIRS...
YAMMER YAMMER
MPH... PRETTY DRAB OLD TUB.
GROMITCH GROMITCH
NATTER NATTER

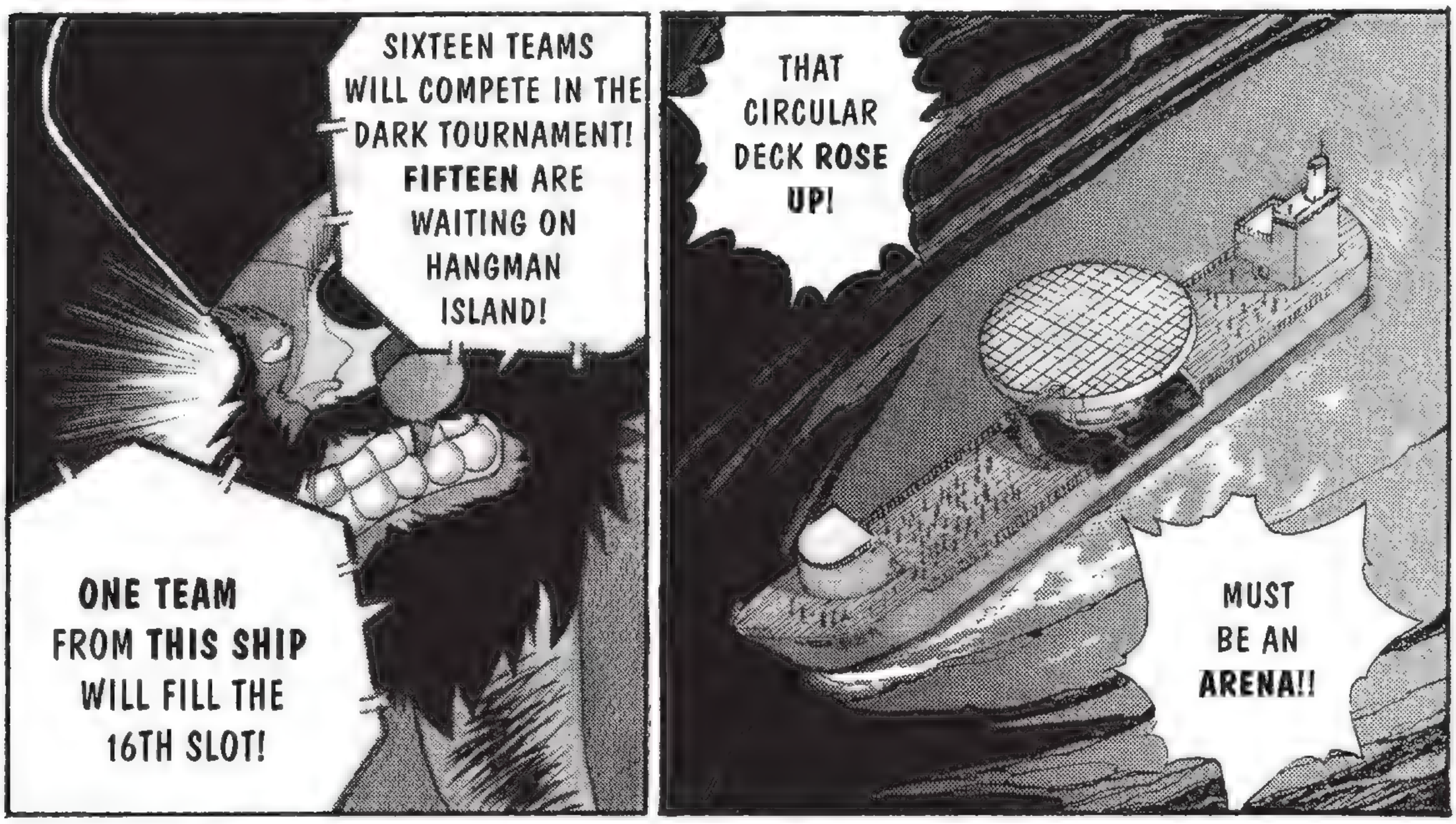
...ON THIS SHIP... STARTING NOW!
WE'LL CONDUCT TOURNAMENT PRELIMI-NARIES...

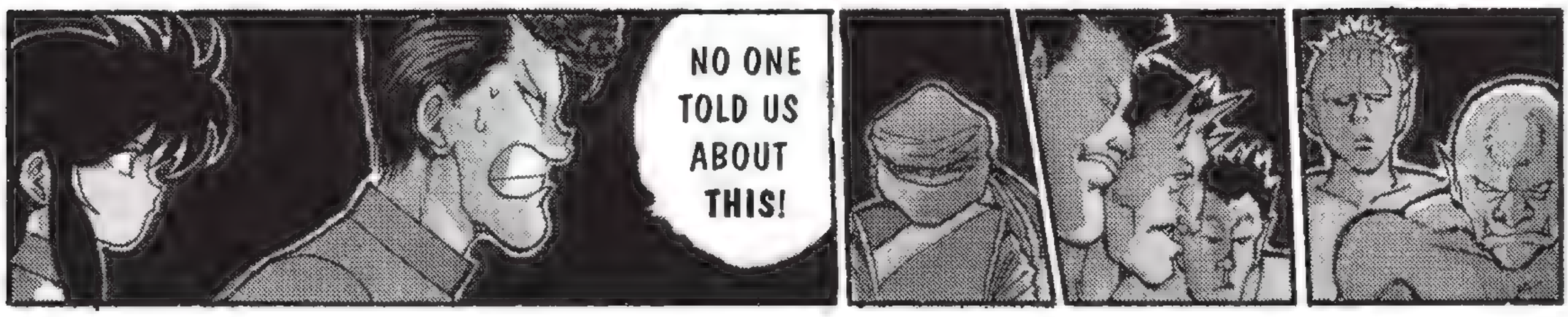
BRUMMBLE

HEY!!

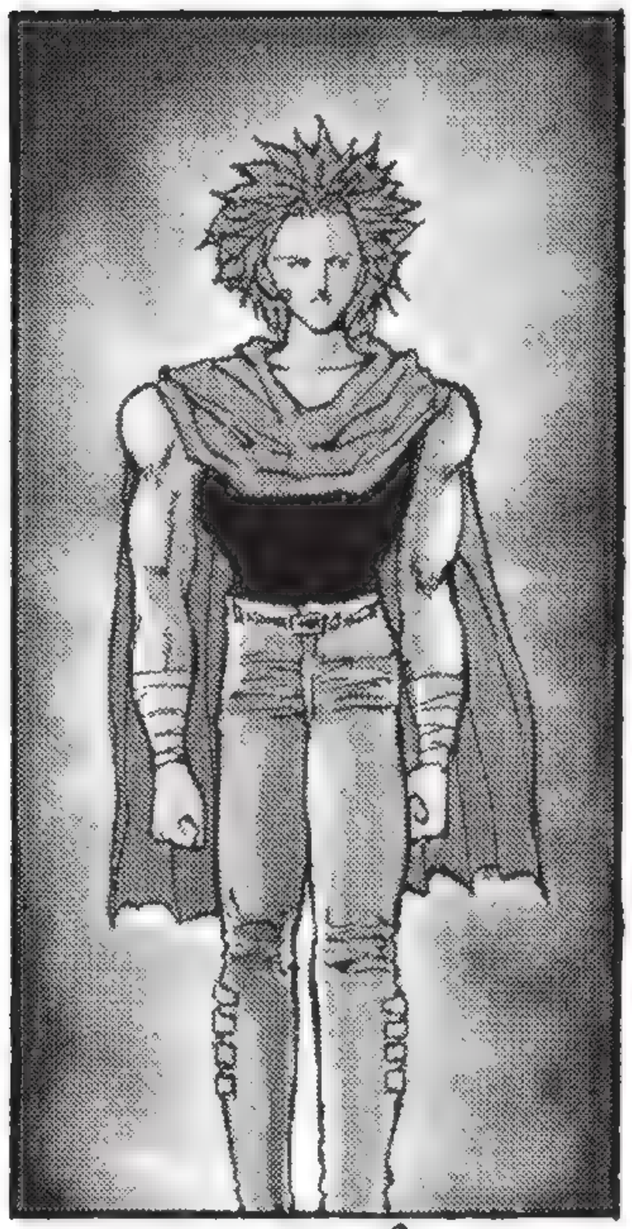
YOW!!

BRUMMBLE





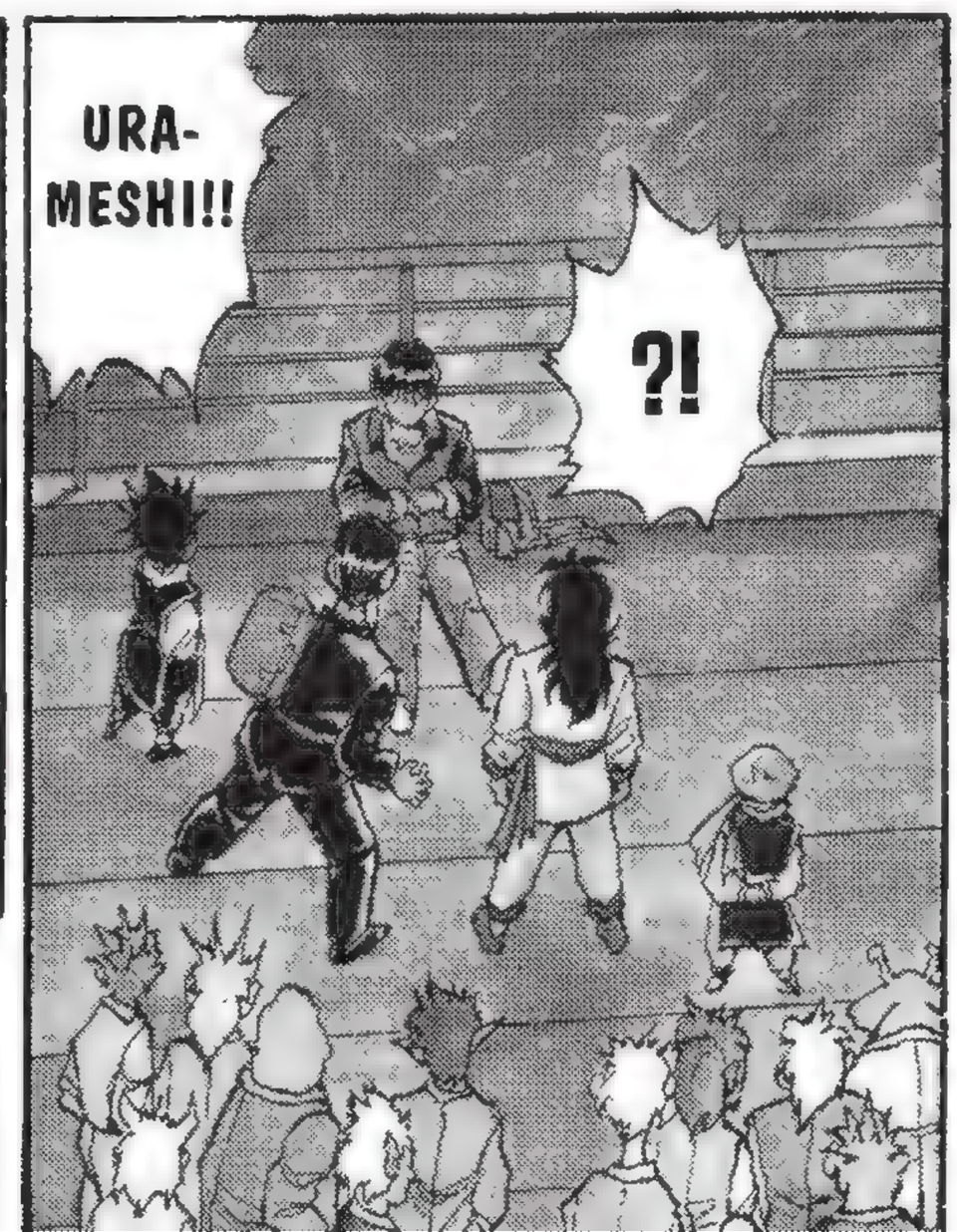
...AND THESE WILL VIE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT!
EACH TEAM WILL PICK ITS STRONGEST MEMBER...



A LITTLE WARM-UP MATCH? SUITS ME.
AFTER ALL, WE'RE GONNA WIN.

HEY, URAMESHI! HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW YOUR NEW STUFF!
A BATTLE ROYALE?! IN THOSE IT AIN'T ALWAYS THE STRONGEST WHO COMES OUT ON TOP!

YER TEAM CAPTAIN!!
HOW CAN YOU SLEEP?!
C'MON! WAKE UP!
SNORE...


URA-MESHI!!
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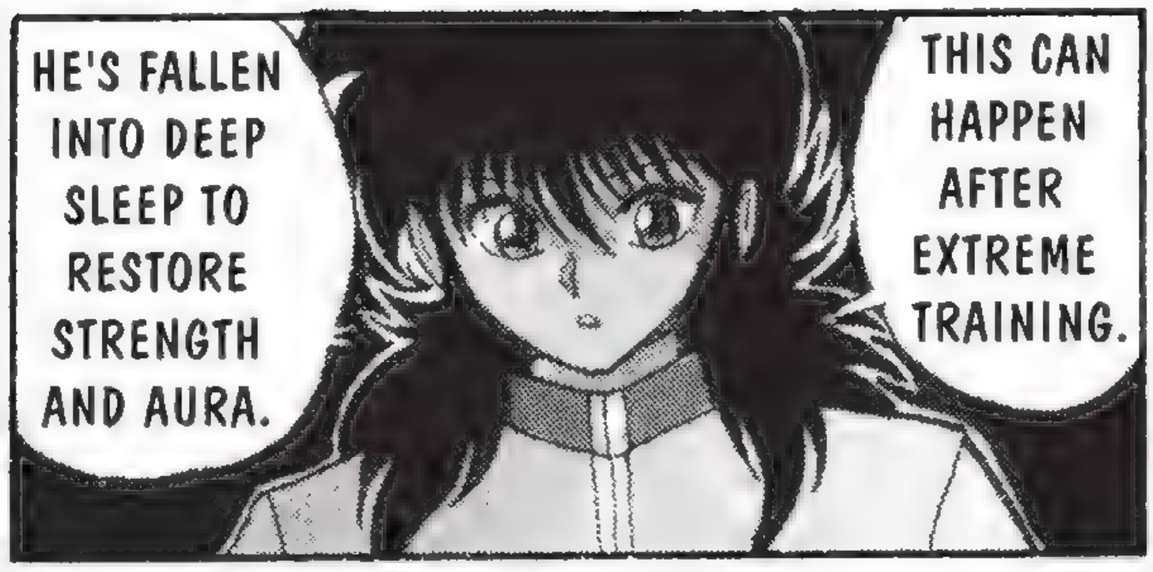
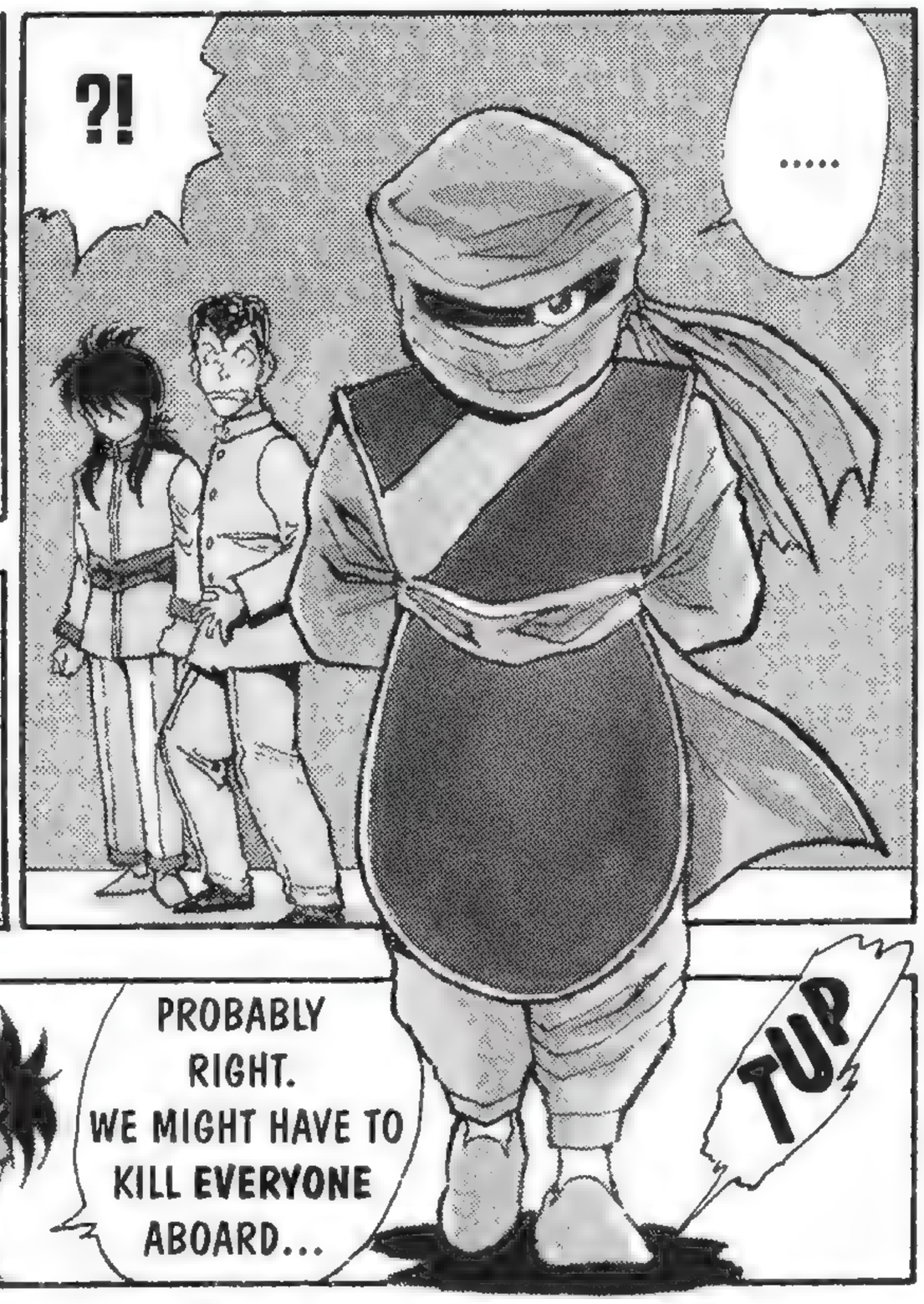
THEN WHO'S GOING UP THERE?!
SAY WHAT?!


HE'S FALLEN INTO DEEP SLEEP TO RESTORE STRENGTH AND AURA.
THIS CAN HAPPEN AFTER EXTREME TRAINING.

AT LEAST WE'LL GET TO SEE WHAT HE CAN DO.
GUESS THAT'S SETTLED. HE'S GOING.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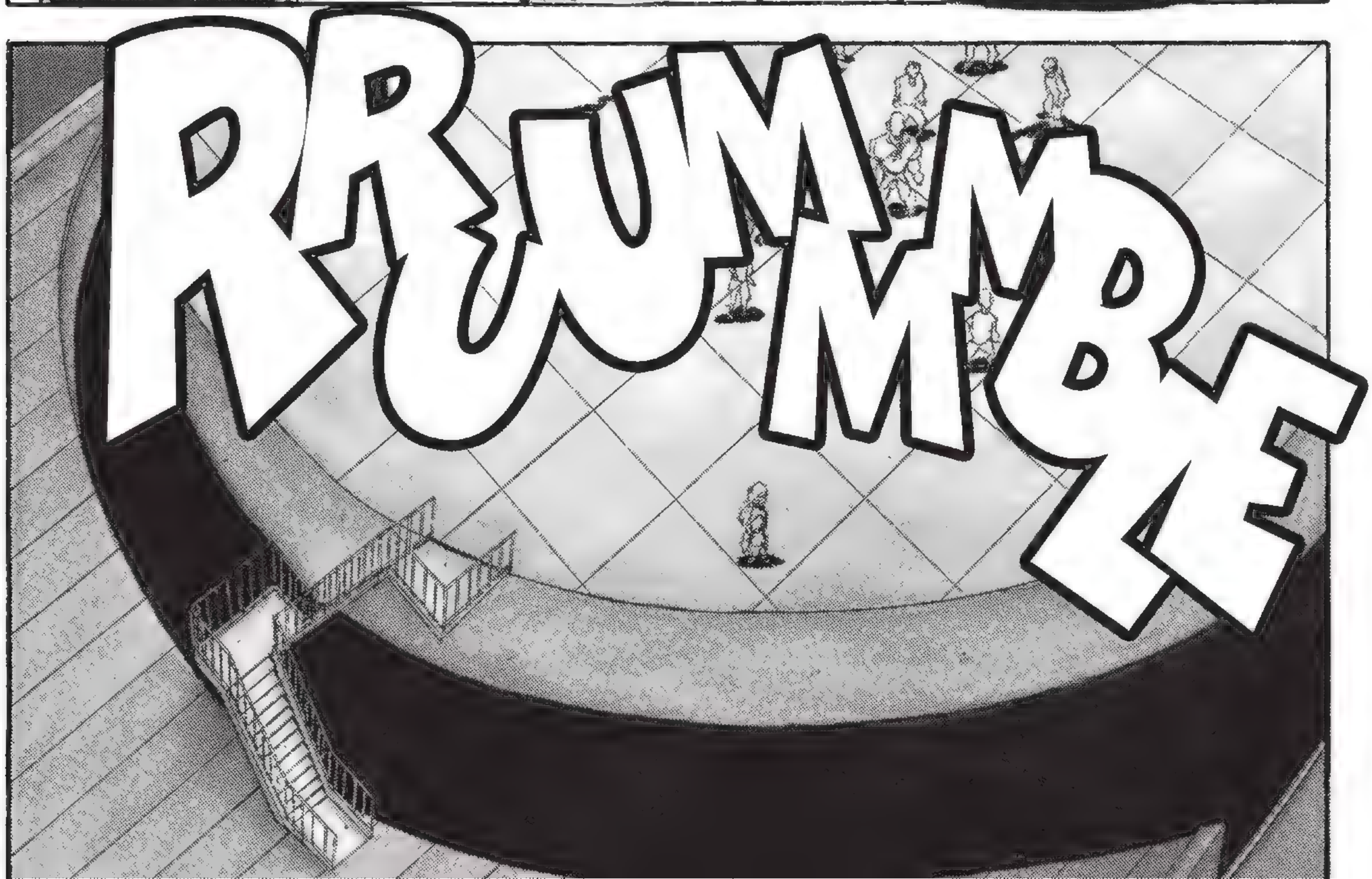
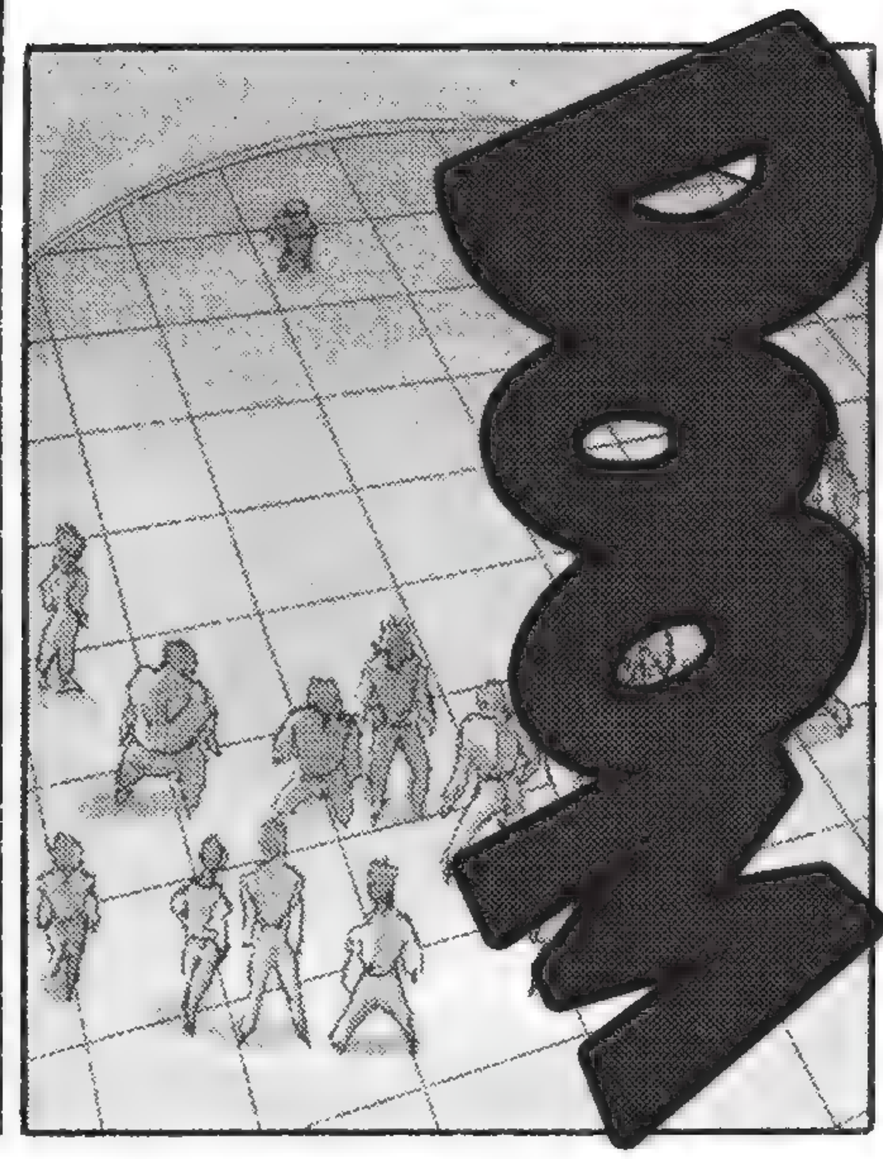
TUP

I DON'T THINK LOSING TEAMS JUST GO HOME!
WHAT IF HE LOSES?!

TUH-RRIFIC.
...SO THERE'LL BE NO ONE LEFT TO COMPLAIN.
PROBABLY RIGHT. WE MIGHT HAVE TO KILL EVERYONE ABOARD...


RUMBLE



PILE ON THE SHRIMP!

...STARTING WITH YOU!

SMI TRIBE

NO ROOM TO RUN! HE'LL BE **MASHED FLAT!!**

I KNEW IT! THEY'RE **GANGING UP** ON HIM!!

ZPEL
LIE

SHOOM

SPIRIT SEIZER

THEY WILL TAKE THE 16TH SLOT IN THE DARK TOURNAMENT!

POINT, GAME, AND MATCH TO TEAM URAMESHI!

THE FIRST OPPONENTS!!

SPLOORSH
OOOH
USING URAMESHI'S SHOTGUN! WHO IS THAT GUY?!
HE DEEP-SIXED EVERY ONE O' THEM!

TEAM URAMESHI!!

ADVANCING TO THE 16TH SPOT IN THE TOURNAMENT—

HUH? WHAT'S—

POINT

.....

JUST ONE THING— WHO ARE YOU?!

THAT WAS ACE! WELCOME TO THE TEAM!!

SCREW THE RULES!

KILL 'EM! WE'LL BE FAMOUS!

ACK!!

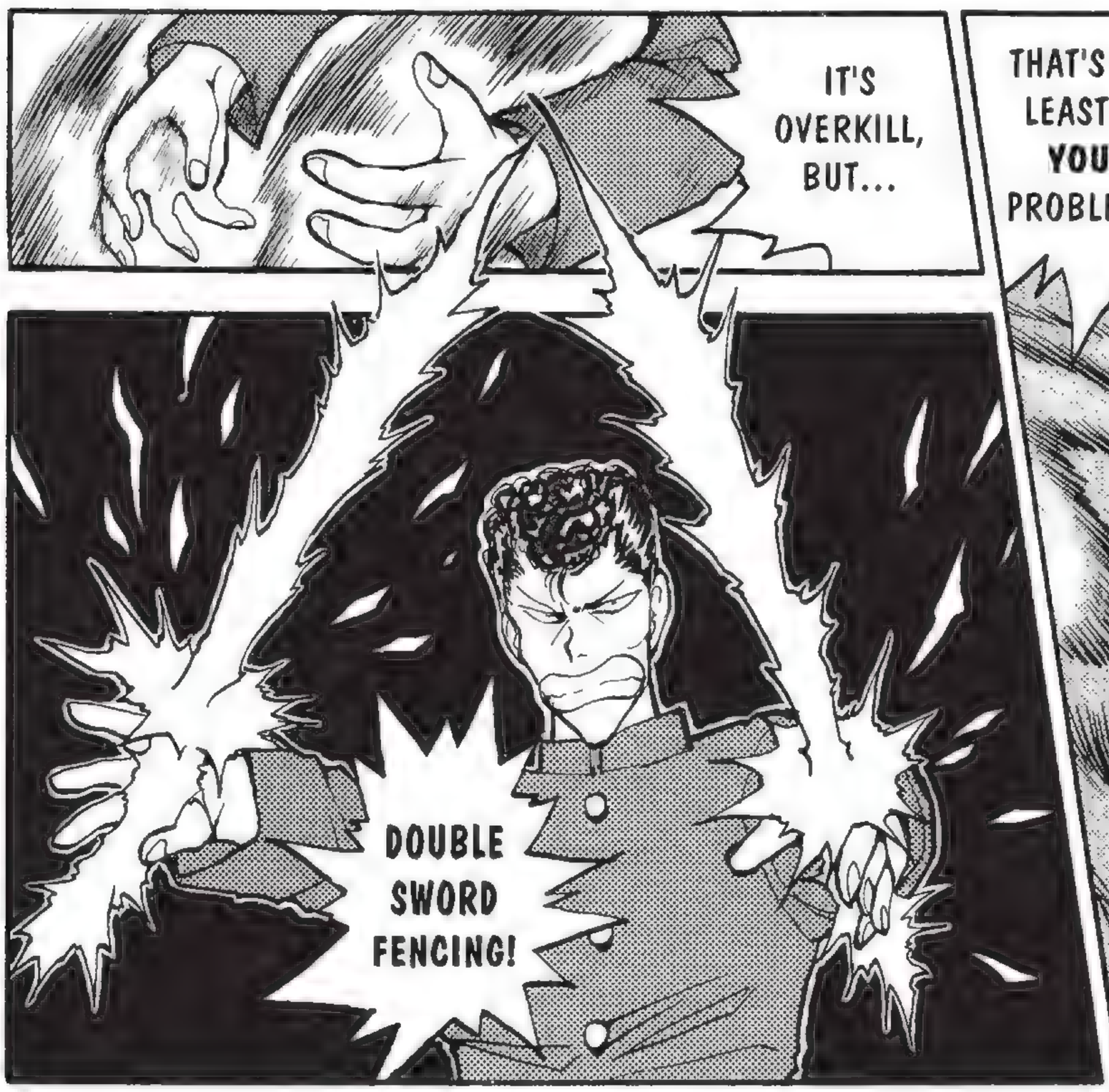
YIKES!
RAAAH!
SLICE AND DICE!!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE UP.
AH WELL, IT'S BETTER THAN SITTING AROUND...
I'D SAY SO...

WUK?
PETAL WHIRL-WIND!!
SPLAT

!!

AND DEAD FOR REAL IN A SECOND!
HEH! DEAD TO THE WORLD!

HE'S SO OUT, AKIKO MATSUMOTO COULDN'T STIR HIM IF SHE SANG RIGHT IN HIS EAR!
AWW, CRIPES! URAMESHI!!


IT'S OVERKILL, BUT...
DOUBLE SWORD FENCING!

THAT'S THE LEAST OF YOUR PROBLEMS!

NO CHANCE!! I'M TAKIN' HIS HEAD...

...AND MAKIN' MY FORTUNE!!

—OR YOU'RE HAM-BURGER!!

CLEAR OFF—

DIE, URAMESHI!!

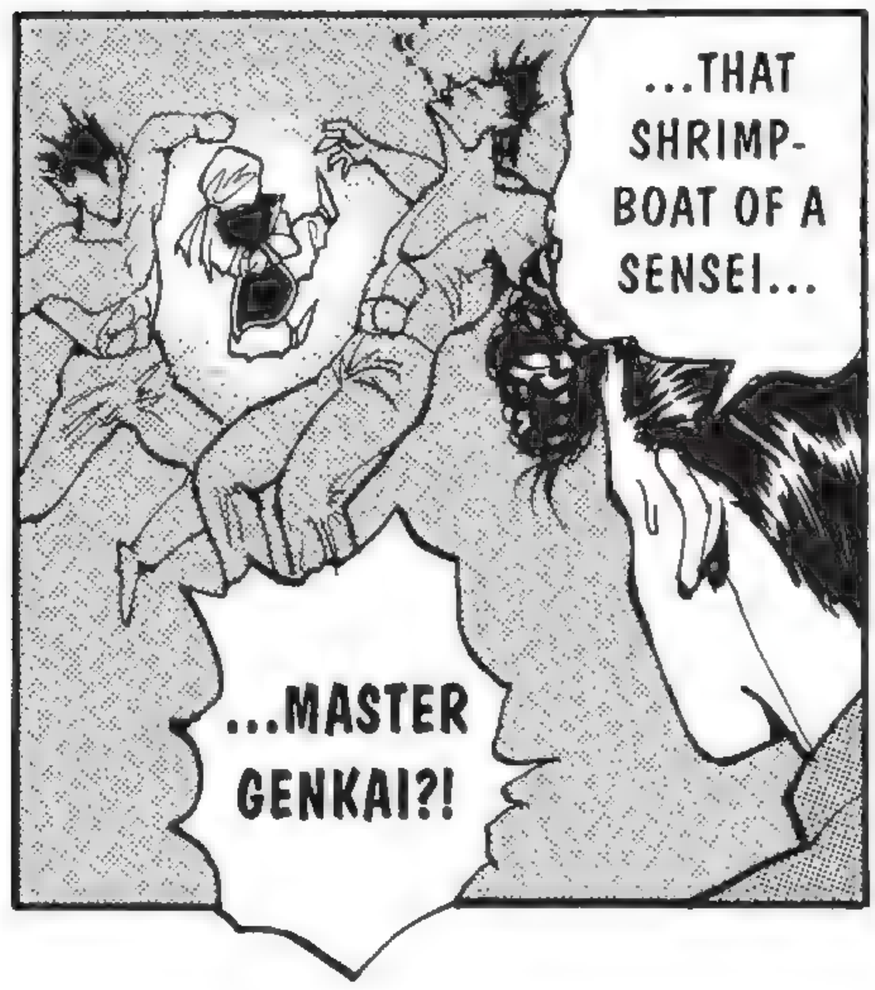
DRUMP

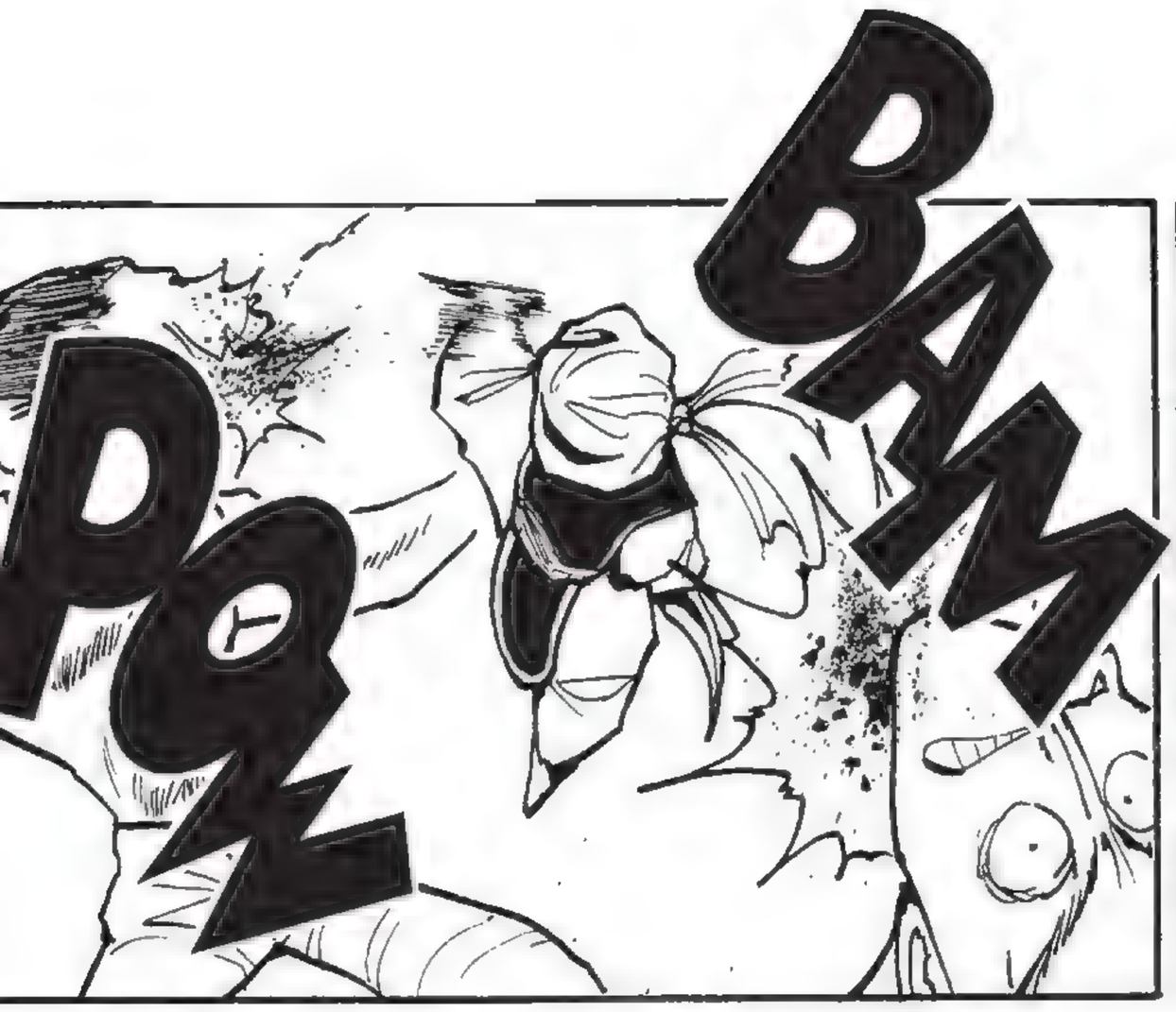
...
GMMM
...

MNNU-
UUH...

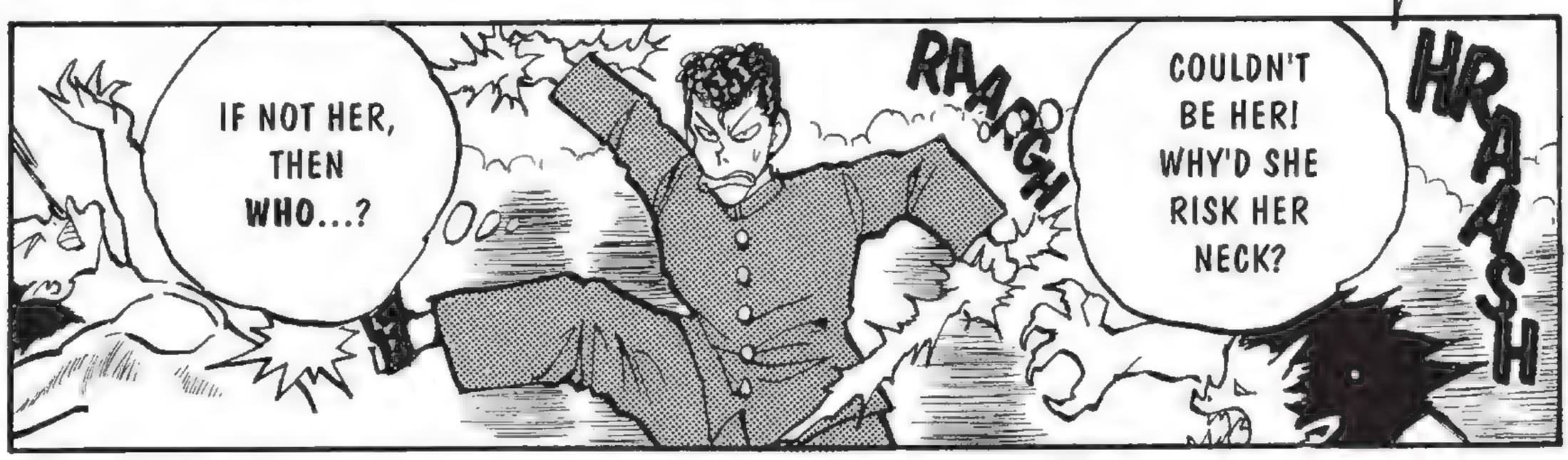
I'LL KEEP GOIN' AND GOIN' AND GOIN'!

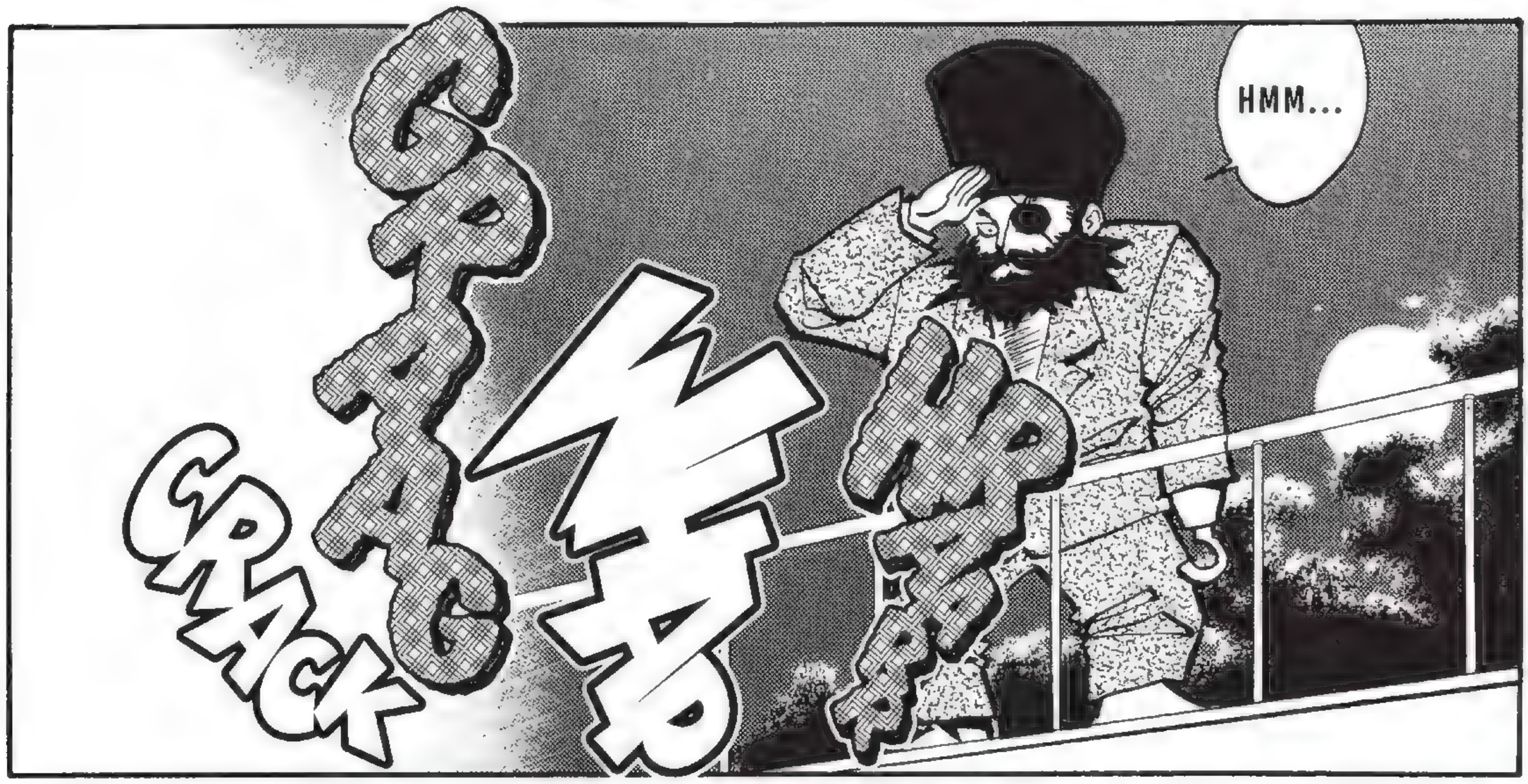
RAAAH! NO WAY, Y'OLD BIDDY!!

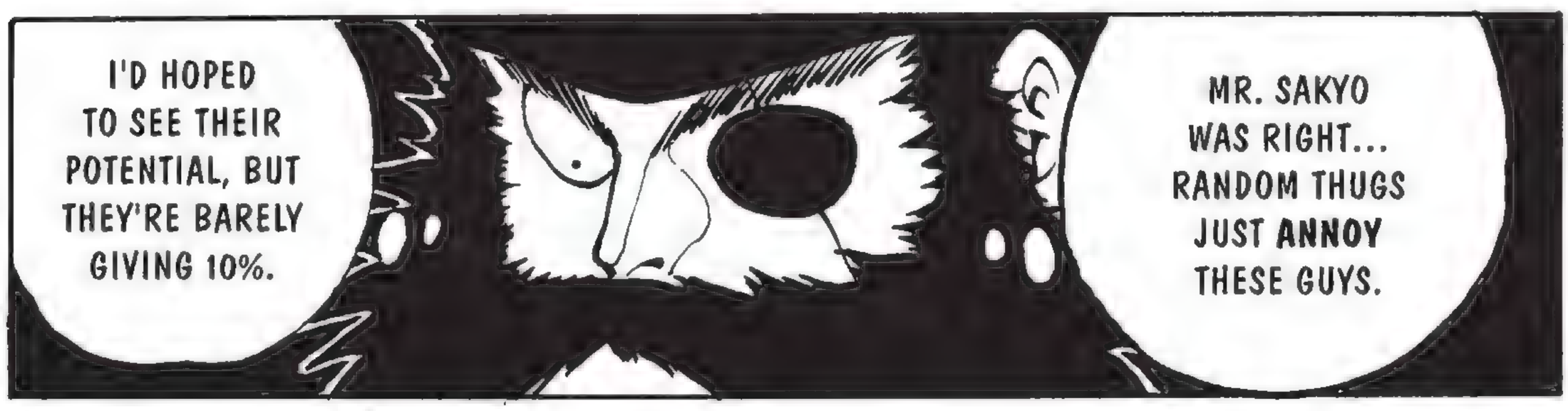



BAM
POW

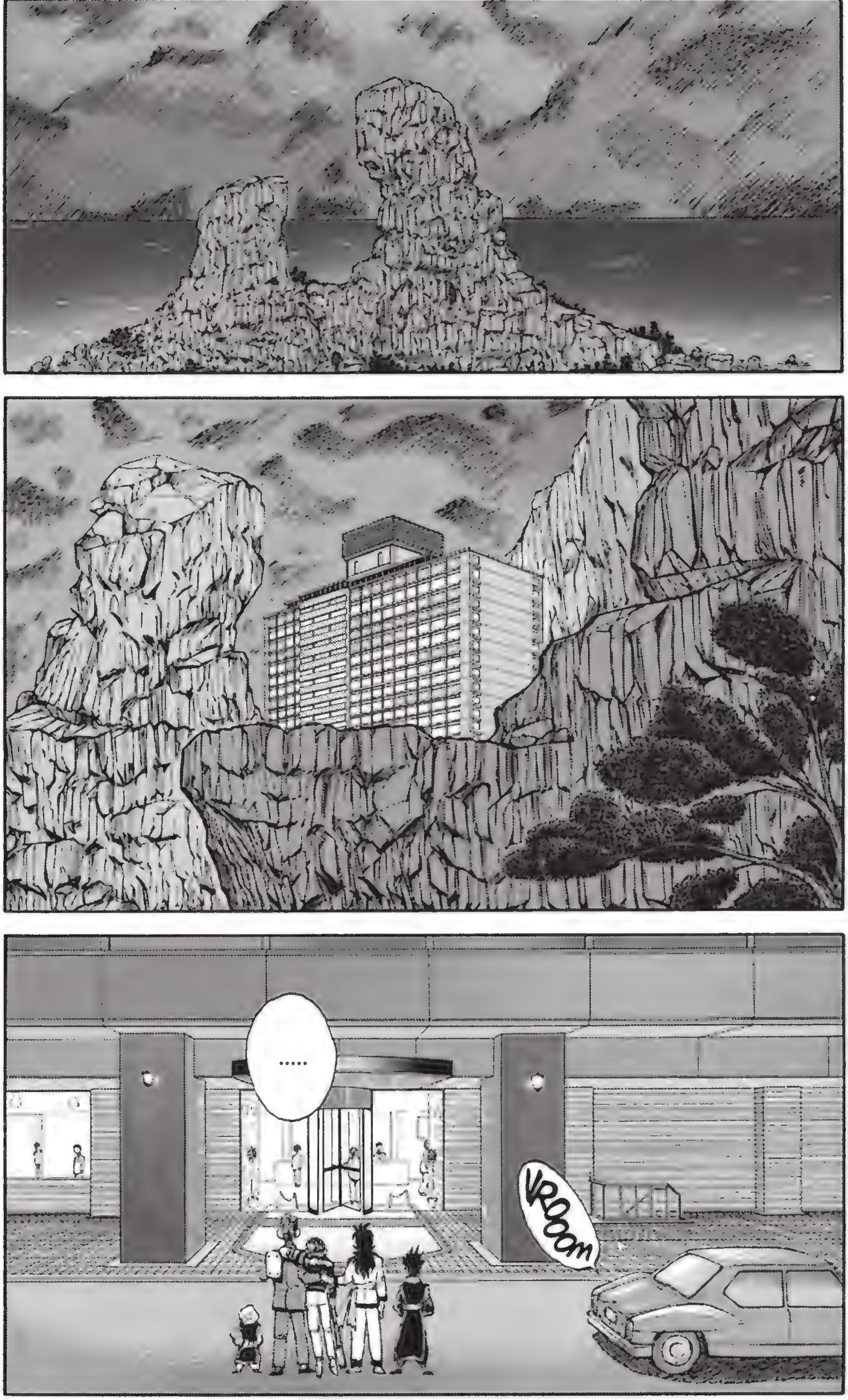
YAAH!!


IF NOT HER, THEN WHO...?
RAAAGH
COULDN'T BE HER! WHY'D SHE RISK HER NECK?
HRAASH


HMM...
CRACK


I'D HOPED TO SEE THEIR POTENTIAL, BUT THEY'RE BARELY GIVING 10%.
MR. SAKYO WAS RIGHT... RANDOM THUGS JUST ANNOY THESE GUYS.

SUMMER
WEEOOOO
THAT'S GOTTA BE HANGMAN ISLAND!!
SHOOT
WHO KNOWS WHAT HORRORS AWAIT US THERE?!
BRACE YERSELVES, GUYS!! AND LOOK SHARP!!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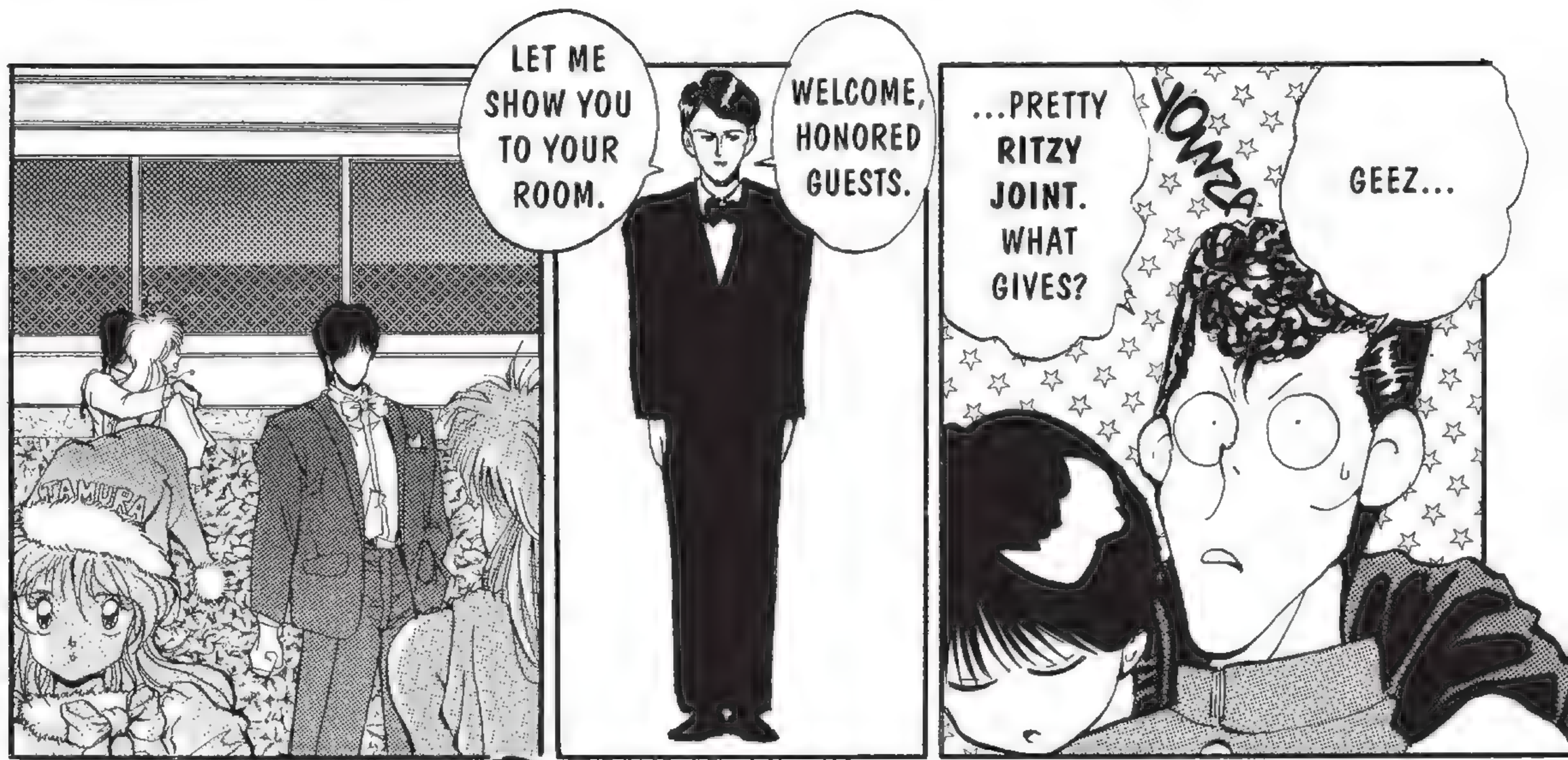
VROOOM


LET ME SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM.
WELCOME, HONORED GUESTS.
...PRETTY RITZY JOINT. WHAT GIVES?
YOWZA
GEEZ...

SNOZZ...
BONANZA WEIRD. THIS IS THE DARK TOURNA-MENT?

AH... SO YOUNG AND UNSUSPECTING...
HEH HEH HEH
HEH HEH
THERE GO THE SACRIFICIAL LAMBS...

CALM DOWN, KEIKO.
SO WHERE IS HE, BOTAN? HUH?!
UMP
ZZZ...

I'LL WHUP HIM!

WE HAVE TO KEEP TRACK OF WHERE HE **GOES**, WHAT HE **DOES**, SO WE CAN BE **READY**—

I KNOW, I KNOW.

NOT SO LOUD!

HOW **CAN** I CALM DOWN?! WE ALMOST **DIED** BECAUSE OF YUSUKE!

SHE DIDN'T BLINK WHEN I TOLD HER ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT— SHE JUST SNARLED, "TAKE ME THERE!"

GROWING UP WITH YUSUKE, SHE HAD TO BE PLUCKY AND FEARLESS!

NEXT EPISODE: HOW THEY MANAGED IT!

I'M WOR-RIED...

WOW! SHIZUKA, CHECK OUT THAT **CHANDELIER!**

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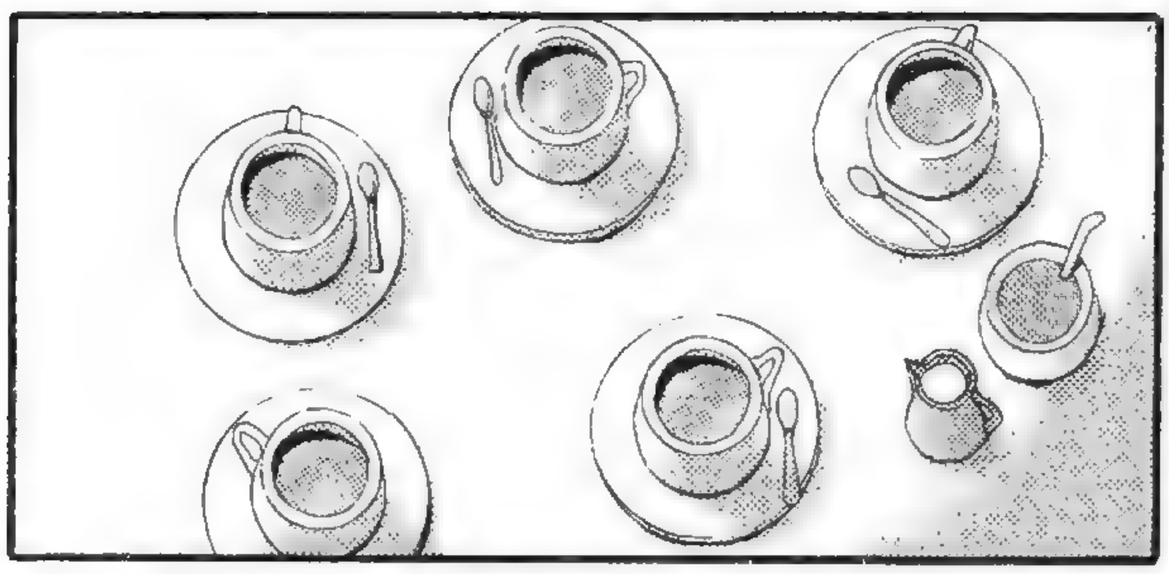
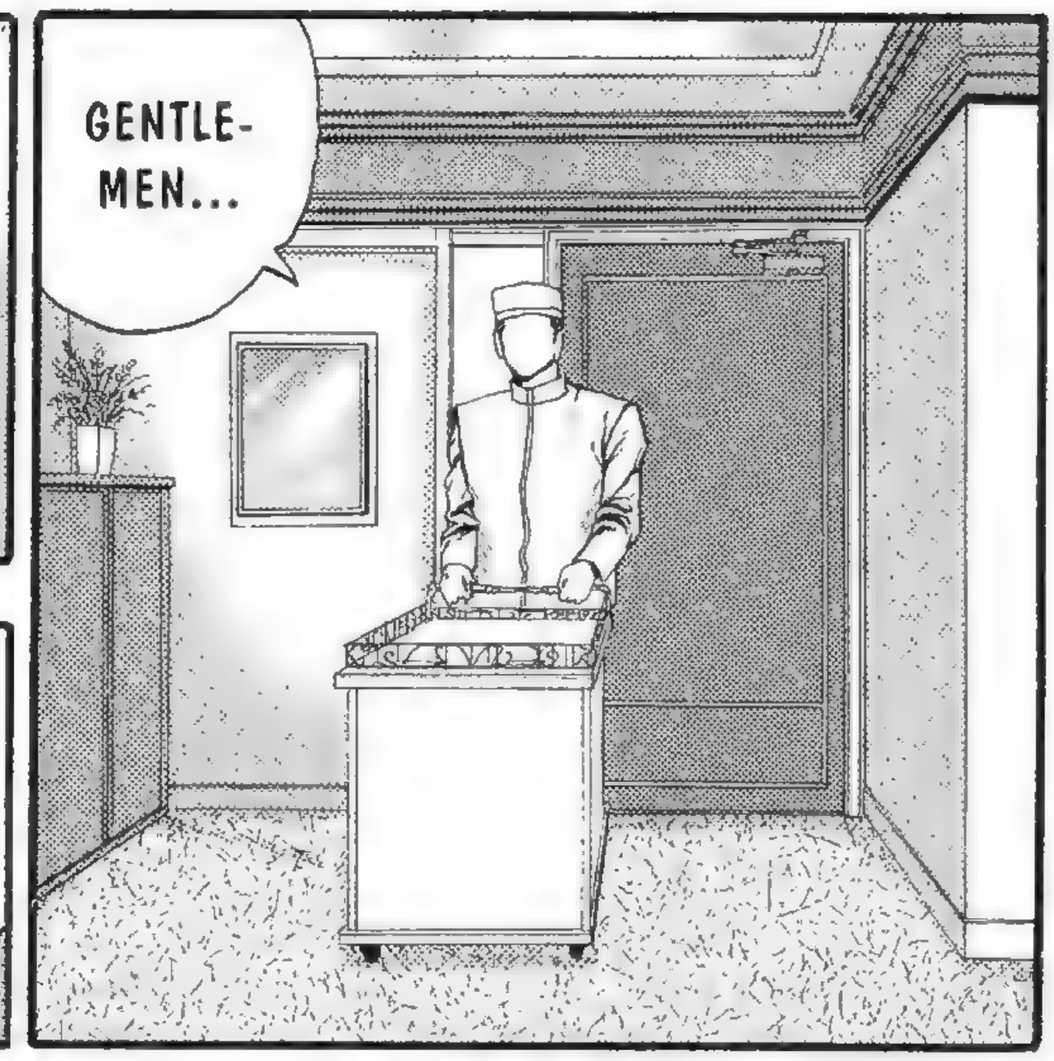
THIS'D BE A GREAT **VACATION SPOT!!**

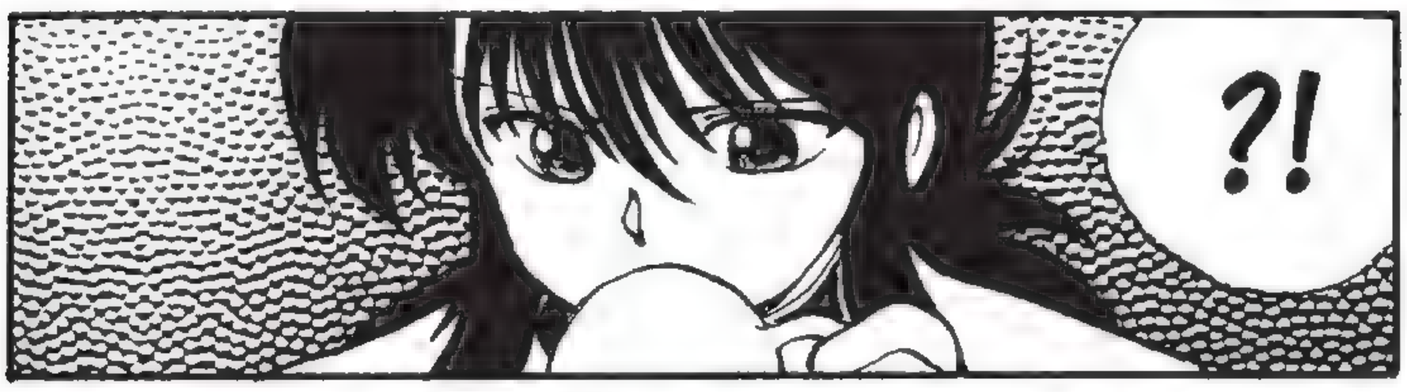
MAN, TALK ABOUT **POSH!**




GENTLE-MEN...

GLARE...
THIS STUFF AIN'T POISONED, IS IT?

THE HOSTS ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN SEEING US IN ACTION BEFORE WE'RE TORN LIMB BY LIMB...
NOT LIKELY. THE TOURNAMENT'S ALL ABOUT MAXIMUM COMBAT, SO THEY WANT EVERY CONTENDER AT PEAK POTENTIAL.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HUH? THERE'S FIVE OF US, AND FIVE CUPS.
ODD... THERE'S A CUP MISSING.
I HAVEN'T TAKEN ONE, SO...

I'LL STICK TO MY OWN BEVERAGES, THANKS.
WELL, IT NEVER HURTS TO BE CAREFUL.
nergy Drink
Pierre Taki

SLURP
!!
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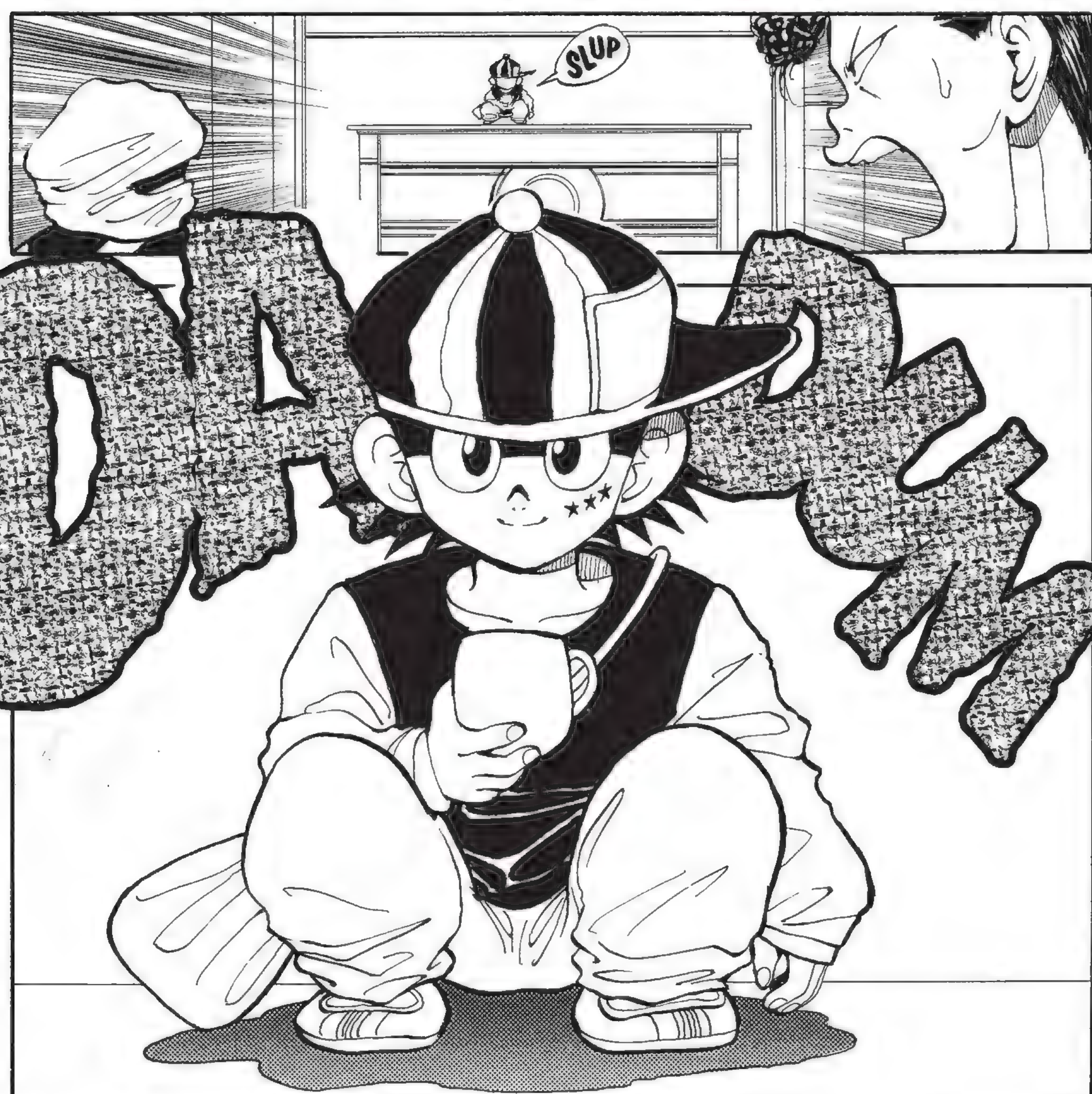
YUSUKE'S STILL ASLEEP...
... BUT HIS CUP IS GONE!
THAT'S WHAT'S ODD.

ZNIIXX...


SLUP
DRINK

HEH HEH...

BUM

HEY!!

WHO'S THAT?! HOW'D HE GET IN HERE?!

THEN CAME OUT AND TOOK THE CUP WITHOUT US NOTICING...

HE MUST'VE BEEN HIDING SOMEPLACE!

MY CREW, THE JOLLY DEVIL SIX, WILL BE YOUR **OPPONENTS** IN THE FIRST ROUND TOMORROW.

NOD

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF — **RINKU**, TEAM SPECIAL OPS.

FORGOT TO KNOCK, THOUGH.

NAW, I CAME THROUGH THE DOOR, LIKE **YOU** DID!

ISN'T IT ONLY FIVE TO A TEAM?!

"JOLLY DEVIL SIX"?

THE SIX OF US ARE ALL TOUGH AS NAILS, SO WE CHOSE **OUR** ALTERNATE BY ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS.

YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD BRING A **BACKUP** IN CASE ONE OF YOU DIES IN BATTLE?

I'LL SHOW HIM FUNNY IF HE KEEPS THIS UP.

LI'L PUNK THINKS HE'S BEIN' FUNNY?

'COURSE, YOU ALSO DON'T NEED TO NEGOTIATE FOR **PRIZES** 'CUZ YOU'LL BE TAKEN OUT **WAY EARLY.**

MUST BE **NICE** BEING THE **GUEST TEAM.** YOU DON'T HAVE TO SIT THROUGH OPENING CERE-MONIES OR RULE MEETINGS.

... BUT FROM WHAT I SEE, I COULD TAKE Y'ALL **MYSELF** IN AN ELIMINATION MATCH (WHERE IF ONE MEMBER BEATS ANOTHER, HE KEEPS GOING TO FIGHT THE NEXT PERSON AND THE NEXT, UNTIL HE LOSES. THEN THEY SWITCH TO THEIR SECOND MEMBER, ETC.)

IT'S JUST A **FACT.** THE CAPTAIN OF THE PREVIOUS WINNING TEAM NOMINATED YOU GUYS AS GUESTS...

THAT WILL DO, RINKU...

DOOM

DOOM

DOOM

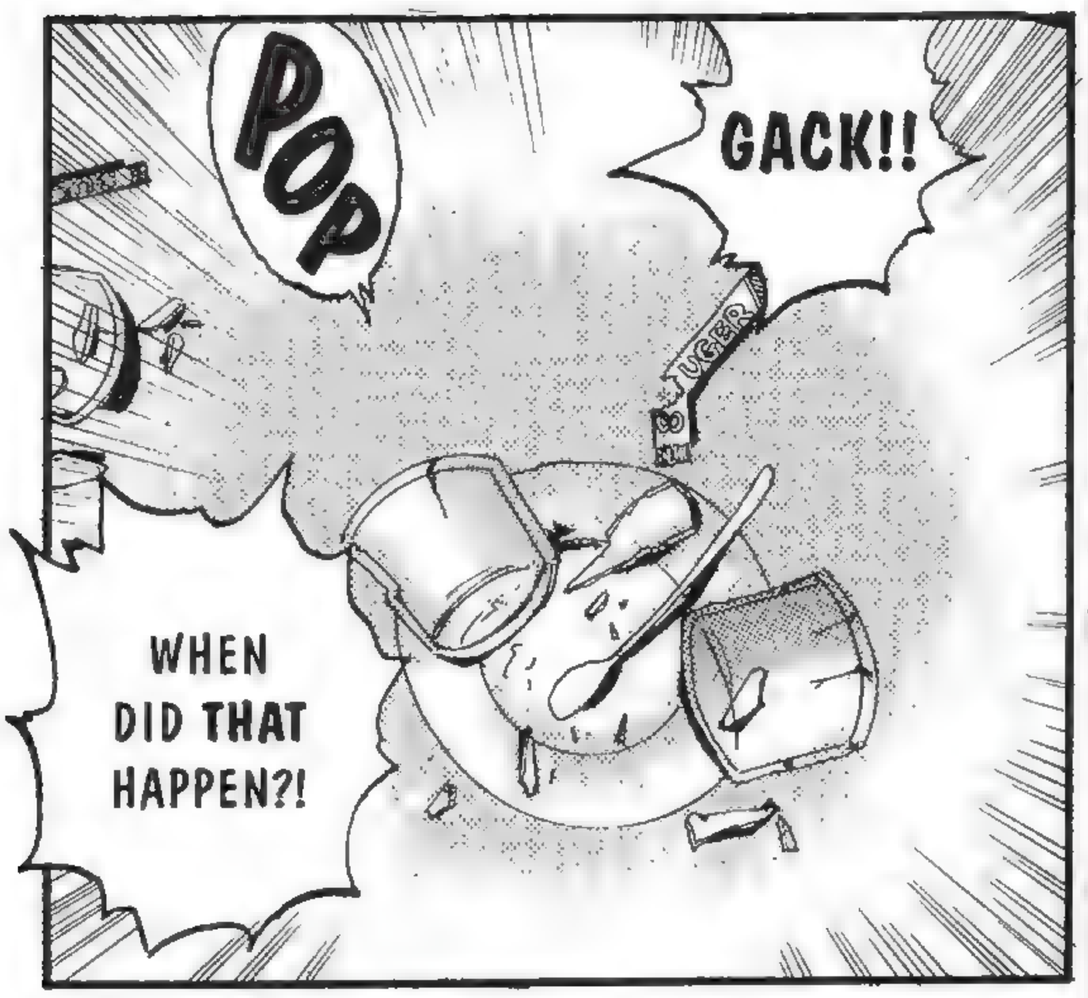
HE WASN'T THERE BEFORE, I'M SURE OF IT!!

ANOTHER LURKER!!

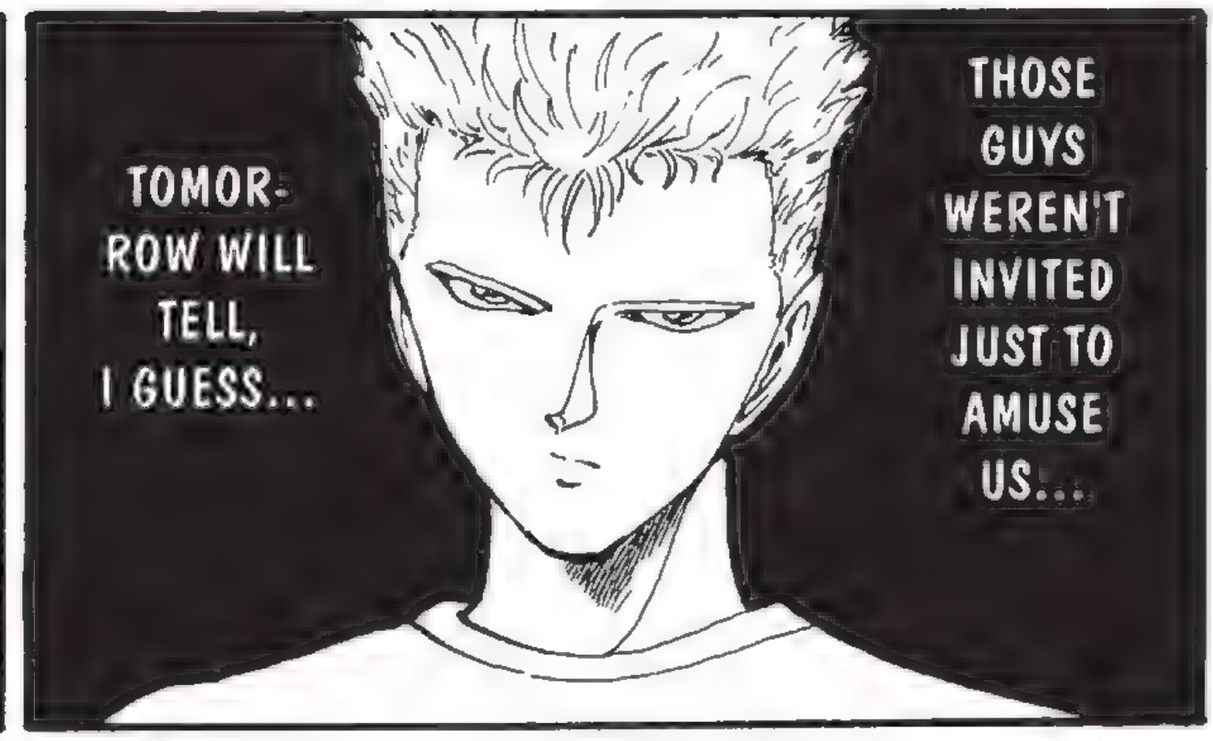
THIS TOURNAMENT STUFF IS JUST SO EXCITING!

SORRY, ZERU! GOT CARRIED AWAY!

SLIPPED BY ME, TOO!



COMES THE DAWN AND...



THE VANGUARD BATTLE BEGINS!!

I DECLARE THE DARK TOURNAMENT OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY!!!

THE VANGUARD BATTLE BEGINS!!

PUBLIC SEATS

THE RULES BAR THOSE WHO DO BAD DEEDS! SO LET'S SEE SOME!!

WE DIDN'T DO ANY OF THAT FOR WEEKS SO WE COULD BE HERE!

WE WANT HITTING, KICKING, POKES IN THE EYE!

WOW, CHECK OUT THAT **CROWD!**

IT'S THE **JOLLY DEVIL SIX**— SCRAPPY STARS OF THE SLUMS!!

RAAH SHUFF RAAAH RAAAH

THEY'RE THE **REAL** CHALLENGE TO YOUR TEAM TOGURO.

URAMESHI'S TEAM WILL BE DISPATCHED, IN SHORT.

... BUT THEY HAVE POTENTIAL. LEGENDS IN THE MAKING, I BELIEVE.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, MR. SAKYO? THEY'RE JUST DREGS OF THE RED-LIGHT DISTRICT...

JOLLY DEVIL SIX'S SPONSOR: MEMBER OF THE BBC, SUKEZO GONDAWARA

THE "GUESTS" HAVE ARRIVED!

LOOK! URAMESHI'S ALREADY FAINTED!

TRAITORS! HOPE THEY CHEW YOU UP AND SPIT YOU OUT!

NO WAY YOU'RE COMIN' OUT ALIVE!

HIEI! KURAMA! HUMAN-LOVIN' BASTARDS!

HISS

FRONT ROW GALLERY! VIEW OF THE ENTIRE ARENA! ONLY 2 MILLION YEN!
HEY MISTER! TICKETS HERE! PRIME SEATING!!
I'LL USE MY VIP PASS, THANKS.
Jr
KOENMA JR.--HUMAN WORLD VERSION
AN ACQUAINTANCE IS COMPETING AS A GUEST.
HEH... HERE TO WATCH, ESTEEMED SIR?
...LORD KOENMA!
YIKES!! YOU'RE...
THIS PLACE IS A DARK SANCTUARY...
YOU ARE WISE, NOBLE ONE.
...WHERE BATTLE IS THE ONLY LANGUAGE UNDERSTOOD.
...BUT THERE'S NO DENYING THIS TOURNAMENT VENTS DEMON STRESS, REDUCING PREDATIONS IN THE HUMAN WORLD.
Jr
I'VE THOUGHT OF SHUTTING DOWN THIS BLOODY SPECTACLE...
COST-TO-VALUE, YOU KNOW.

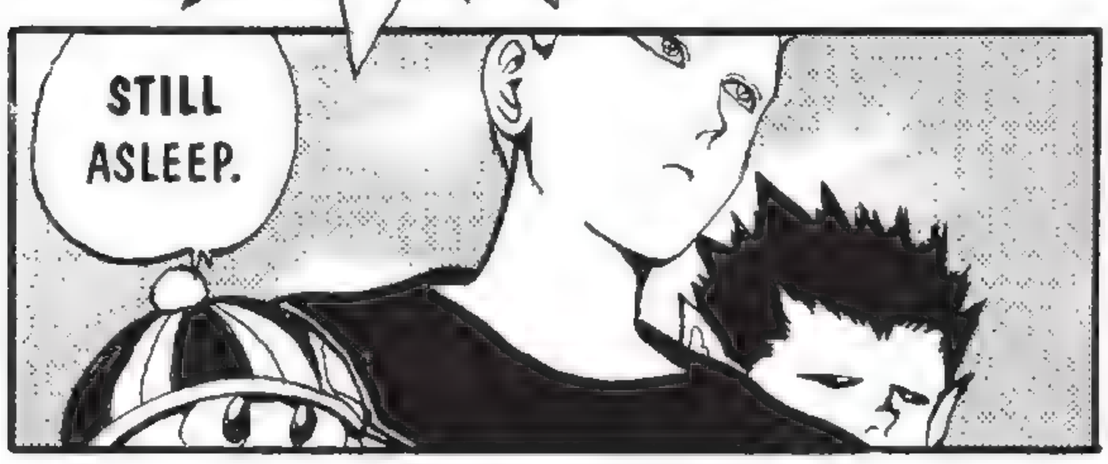
...AND EVEN YOU HOLD NO RANK OVER ANY OTHER SPECTATOR. YOU COULD NOT OBJECT IF YOU SAW YOUR OWN PARENTS MURDERED.
THE LAW IS DECIDED BY THE VICTOR...
MASTER KOENMA! YUSUKE'S TEAM'S IN THE ARENA!!
GOT IT. THANKS.
YOU'RE QUITE THE LADIES MAN, SIR!
WOW! SOME HAREM!
I WAS JUST TRYING TO BE NICE!
ONCE MY LOOSE-LIPPED SUB-ORDINATE WAS THROUGH, I HAD TO BRING THEM ALONG.
FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE "GUESTS."
...THREE HUMAN WOMEN BOLD ENOUGH TO COME HERE.
HMM... WELL...

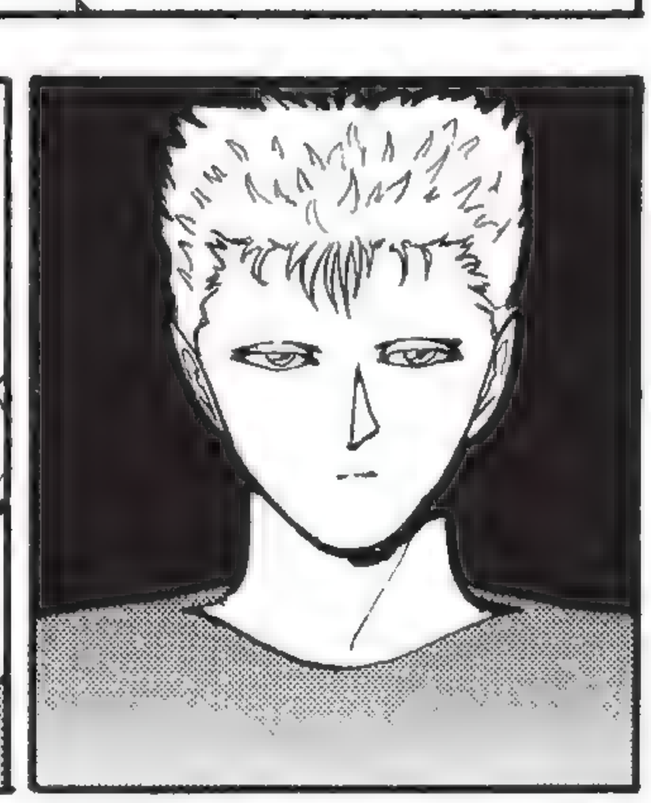
RIP 'EM APART!!

RIP 'EM

PULP TH' SCUM!

POUND 'EM TO JELLY!!





Y'MEAN ME?

SAY WHAT?

SHEE...

STOMP STOMP

I'LL SHOW 'EM LEADER-SHIP!

IT MEANS BEING URA-MESHI'S **SECOND**, BUT WHAT THE HECK?!

SHUCKS, I'M FLATTERED!

IT PROLONGS THE FUN.

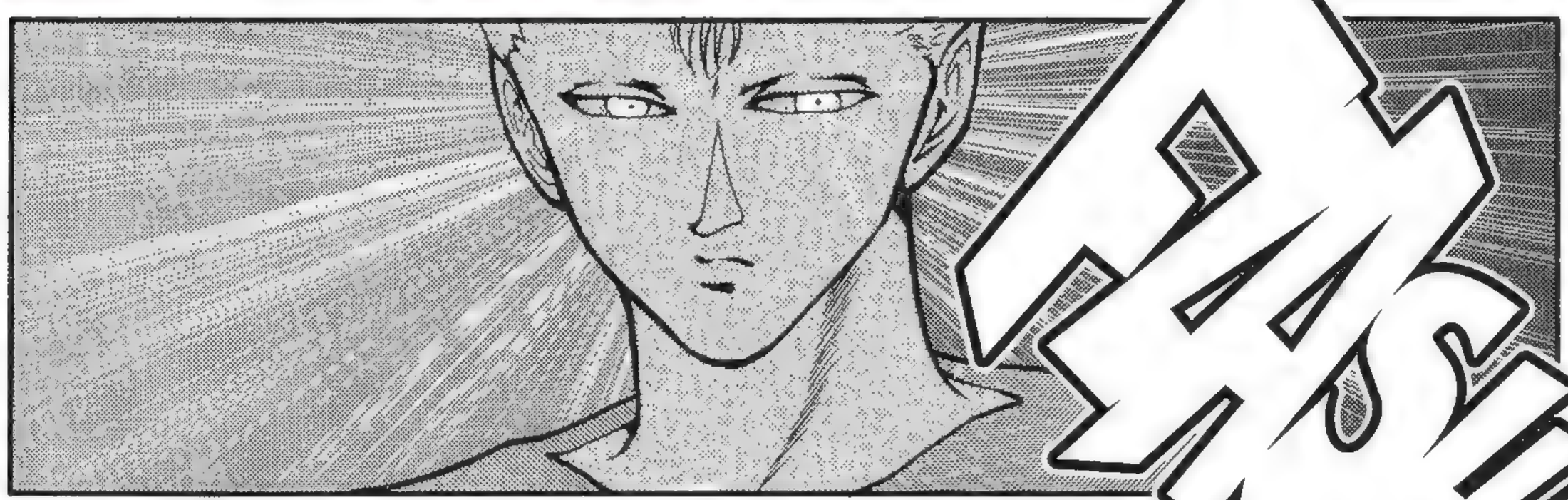
NOT THAT IT MATTERS, BUT I'M FOR ONE-ON-ONE.

IT'S A **REAL** MAN'S WAY TO FIGHT!!

SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!

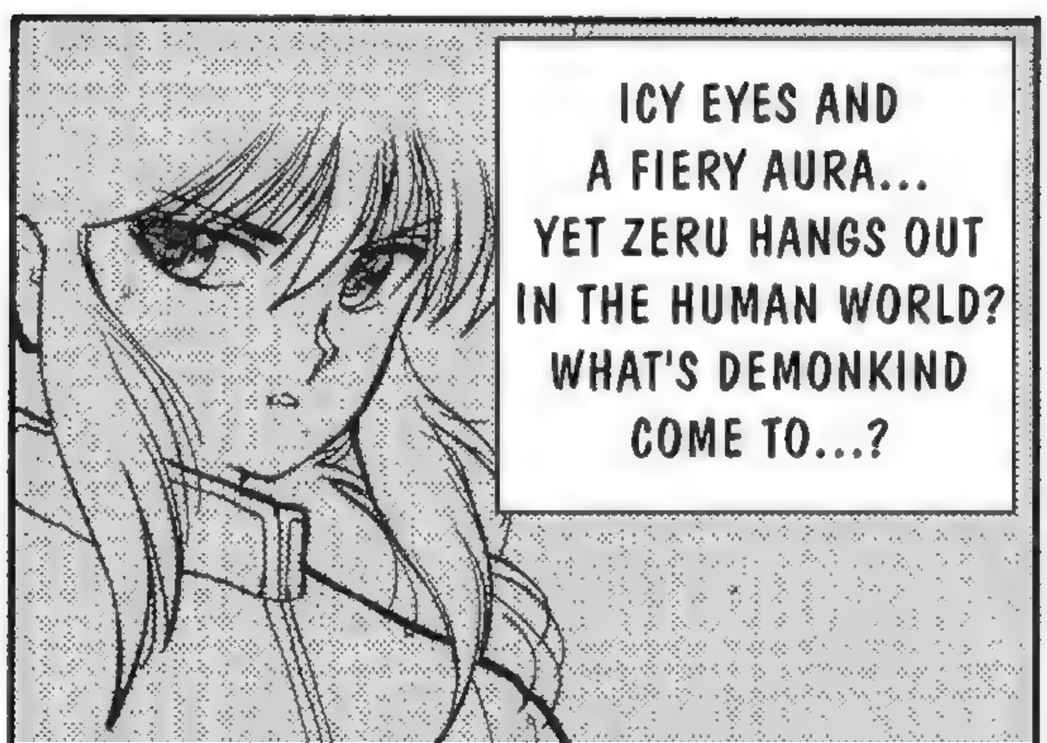
ZZZ

IT'S BEEN DECIDED--FIVE ONE-ON-ONE BATTLES!
SIGH
WAZZAT COOL OR WOT?



IT'S OBVIOUS HE'S TRYING TO PROVOKE YUSUKE!
CRIPES! HIS AURA'S HOT AS AN OVEN!!

HE'S OUT TO KILL...


ICY EYES AND A FIERY AURA... YET ZERU HANGS OUT IN THE HUMAN WORLD? WHAT'S DEMONKIND COME TO...?

!!

...OR JUST AN IMBECILE?
HE STILL HASN'T STIRRED. IS HE ILL...

HOPELESS.
RISE AND SHINE, URA-MESHI!

FIRST CONTENDERS ON THE FIELD!!
CHECK YA LATER, GUYS!
I'LL TAKE THIS ONE!!
BAM
BAM
BOOM

ALL THAT TEASING YESTERDAY DIDN'T SCARE HIM.
SIGH... I ALWAYS GET THE DOOFUSES.
BRAIN-DEAD, FOR SURE.

BOOOO
KUWA-BARA'S UP! BLEAH!
KILL HIM!!

A COUNT OF 10 WILL DETERMINE OUT-OF-BOUNDS AND KNOCKDOWNS.
IN ONE-ON-ONE, THE RULES ARE— ANYTHING GOES!!

KING
BEGIN!!
WELL, HERE GOES.

YOU GOT IT!!

OKAY, SHRIMP, BRING IT!!

WHOA!

HE CAN'T SEE ME...

THAT'LL DO!

RINKU DISPLAYS **AMAZING AGILITY!** I, KOTO, YOUR COMMENTATOR, CAN **BARELY** FOLLOW HIM!

!!

AAW

FAM
!!
THE GLOVES ARE OFF, KID!!
WHAT...?
UNREAL!!
DIDYA SEE THAT?

GAH!
URF!
DAM
WHY YOU—
HO HO HO
WHO SENT THAT WIMPY RUNT ANYWAY?!
BAH! NEVER SEEN ANYTHING SO PATHETIC!!
HE SHOULD'VE FINISHED THIS WITH HIS AURA SWORD BY NOW.
GREAT, BUT WHAT'S WITH ALL THE SAMURAI POSTURING?
I'VE SPARRED WITH HIM, AND I CAN TELL YOU HE LOVES TO FIGHT.
KUWABARA CAN BE SURPRISING.

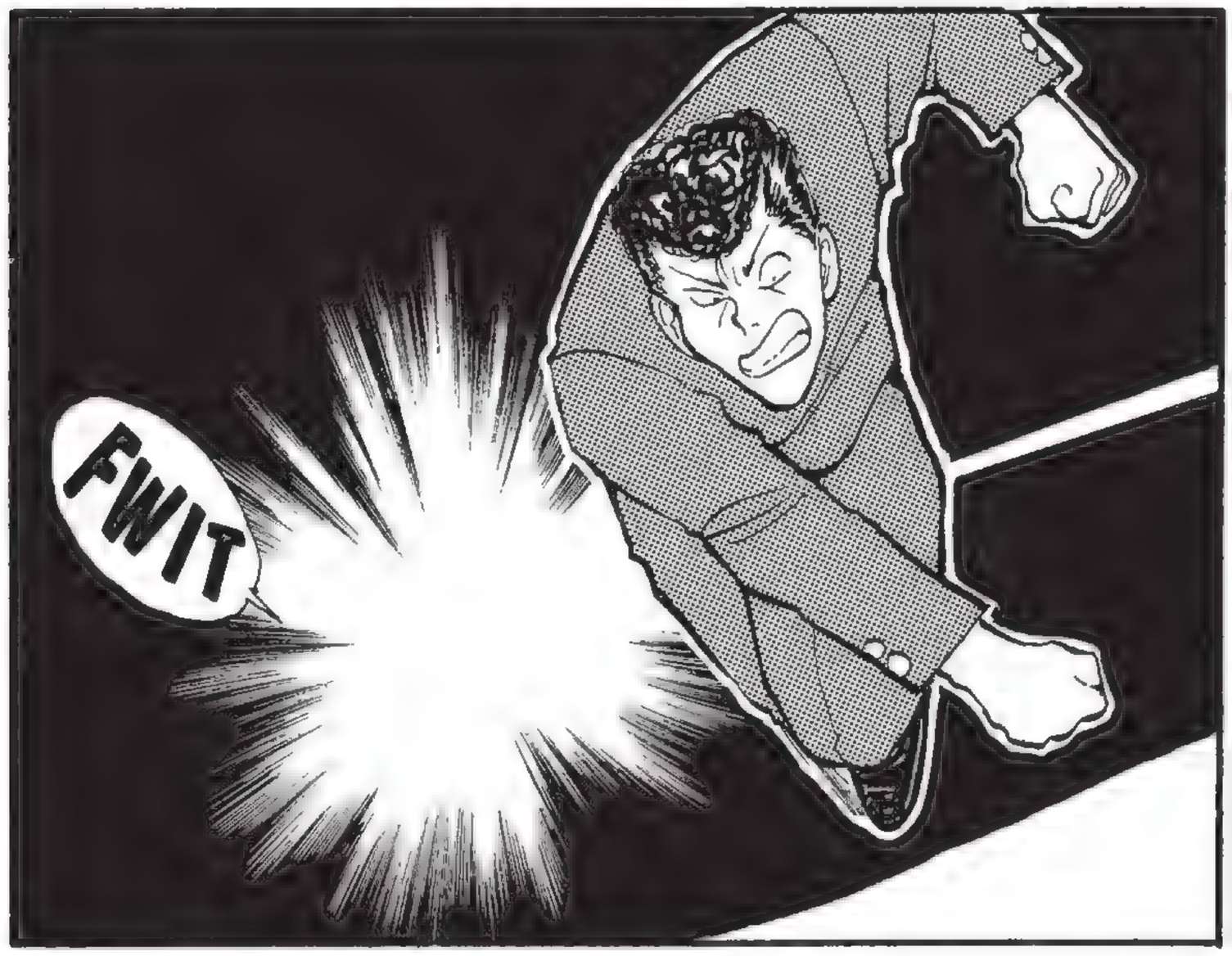
THIS IS IT!!

HE'S GOT HIM!

HUCK...

ZAH

YOU'RE GOIN' DOWN FOR THE COUNT, KID!
I AIN'T INTO TORTURE, SO I'LL MAKE IT QUICK!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HEH... HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE MOMENT...

?!

KW

Ack

1!

2!

...'CAUSE THE MOMENT'S **OVER!** HA HA HA!

I COULDA **POPPED** HIM RIGHT OFF, BUT WHERE'S THE **FUN** IN THAT?

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I SNAPPED HIS NECK.
DON'T BOTHER COUNTING. HE'S DEAD.

RAAH RAAH
MIGHTY FINE, THAT!
SUPER AWESOME, LI'L DUDE!

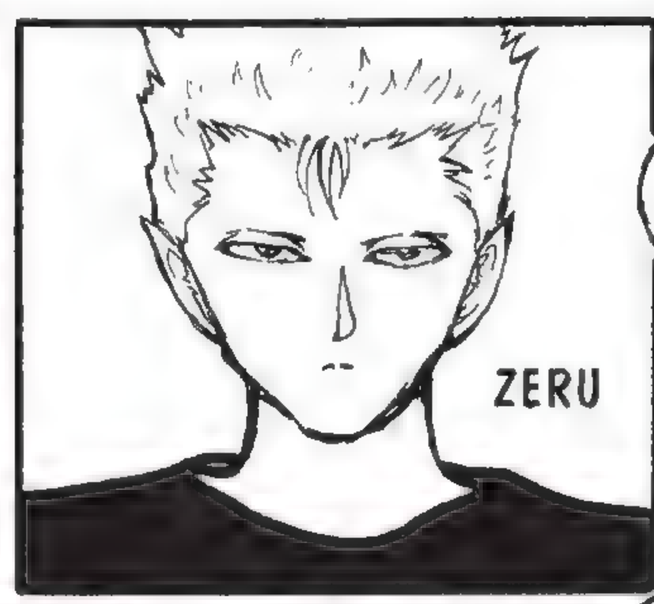
...ENJOYS A FIGHT TOO, I'D SAY.
THAT LITTLE GREASE BALL...

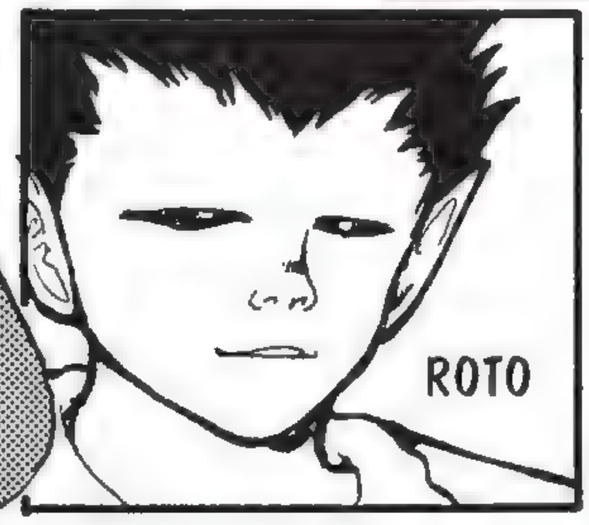
...YOU BROKE MY NECK?
SO YOU SAY...
!!

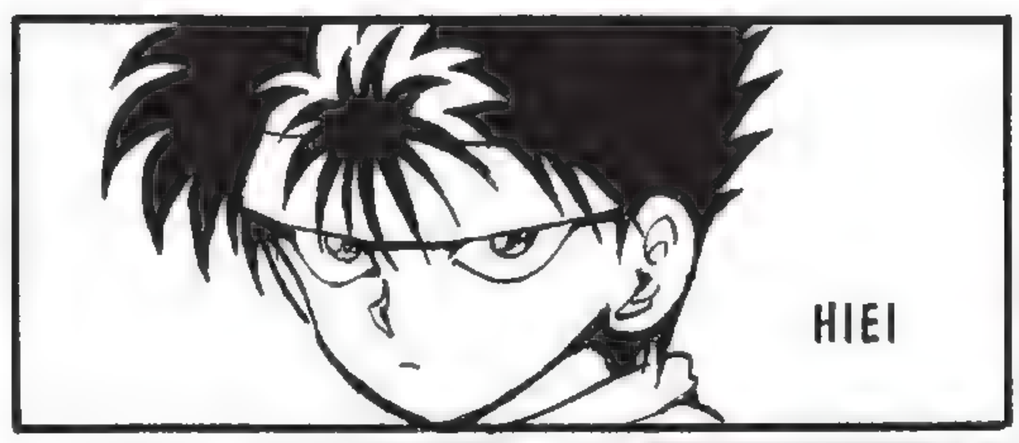
HE BEAT THE COUNT! THE BATTLE WILL RESUME!!
CRICK
.....
THEN I'LL HAVE TO RETURN THE FAVOR... IN SPADES!

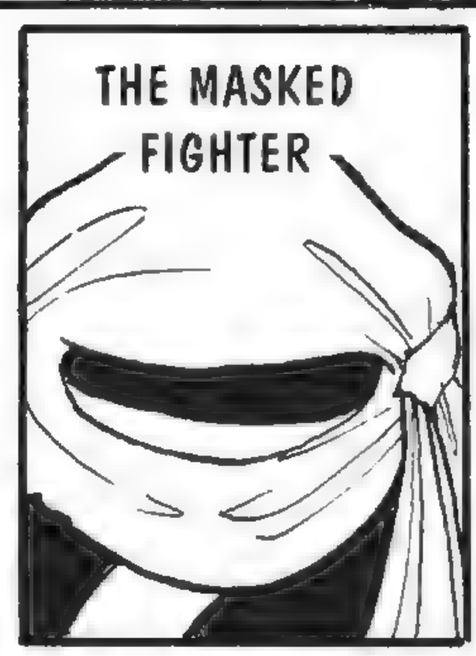
TOUGH SONUVAGUN— STILL STANDING AFTER THAT KICK!
FINISH IT, RUNT!! KILL HIM!
THE SECRET OF DEVIL YO-YOS!!
IT'S ONLY THE FIRST MATCH OF THE TOURNAMENT, BUT THE TENSION IS ALREADY PALPABLE!
RINKU USES PSYCHOLOGICAL TACTICS TO CATCH THE OTHER OFF-GUARD, AND KUWABARA TAKES IT IN STRIDE!!
.....
...BUT THAT KICK TO MY HEAD DIDN'T DO ME IN...
GOTTA SAY, HE OUTWITTED ME...
...SO HE AIN'T MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT.

THE SECRET OF DEVIL YO-YOS!!









YOU WITHSTOOD MY DIRECT ATTACK, SO I'LL BRING OUT MY...
NOW I GET WHY YOU WERE INVITED AS "GUESTS."
...DEMONIC TRICKS.
SERIOUS PLAYTIME, EH?
DEVIL YO-YOS!!!

BATTER UP, PAL!!

SHOT!

SPRING!

!!

I'LL JUST SPLIT 'EM...

HMPH! SIMPLE!

SHOOM

WHAT...?!

THOSE YOYOS ZIGZAG LIKE SNAKES!

WHIP

WHOP

OOOH

RINKU'S YO-YOS **FAKED OUT** KUWABARA'S BUTT **GOOD!**

WHAT A **STYLISH MOVE!**

MY AURA GOES RIGHT FROM MY FINGERS TO THE YO-YOS...

...EACH OF WHICH I CONTROL **INDIVIDUALLY.**

...DIDYA THINK I WAS JUST GONNA PLAY AROUND?

HEY, MORON...

Whirr

HISSS

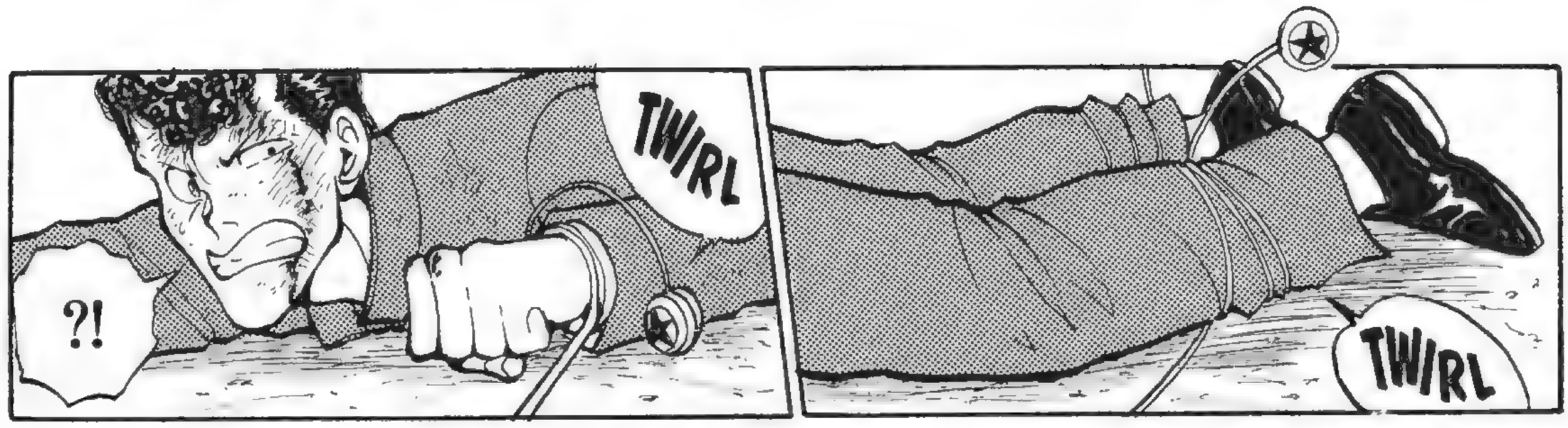
OH BOY...!

LIKE SO!

SLICED
SKRRRK
YOUR DULL OL' AURA SWORDS WON'T EVEN CUT THE STRINGS!!
FWASH

THEY'RE SLICIN' UP THE GROUND AS THEY GO!
VOOOSH
YOICKS!!
SKRRRK

SKREEE
BLAST!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HE MAY BE SMALL, BUT HIS YO-YOS KICK BUTT.
RINKU'S POWERS WORK BEST THROUGH WEAPONS.
THEY GO WHEREVER HE WILLS!


?!
TWIRL
TWIRL

WHAT?!

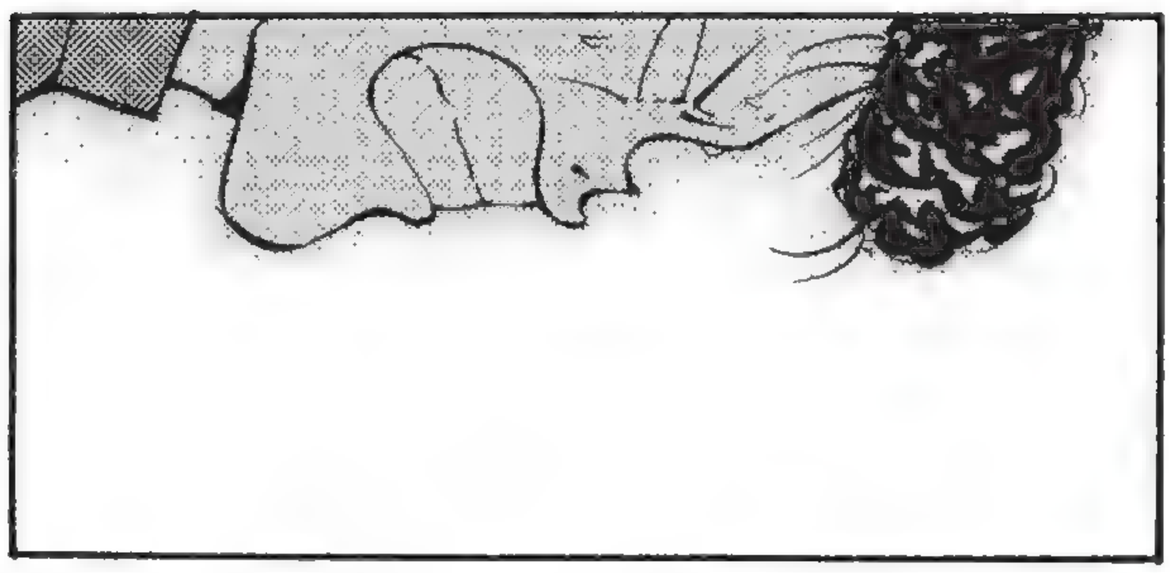
THOSE YO-YOS HAVE LIFTED KUWABARA'S BODY INTO THE AIR!!

ROUND THE WORLD!!
WHOA!

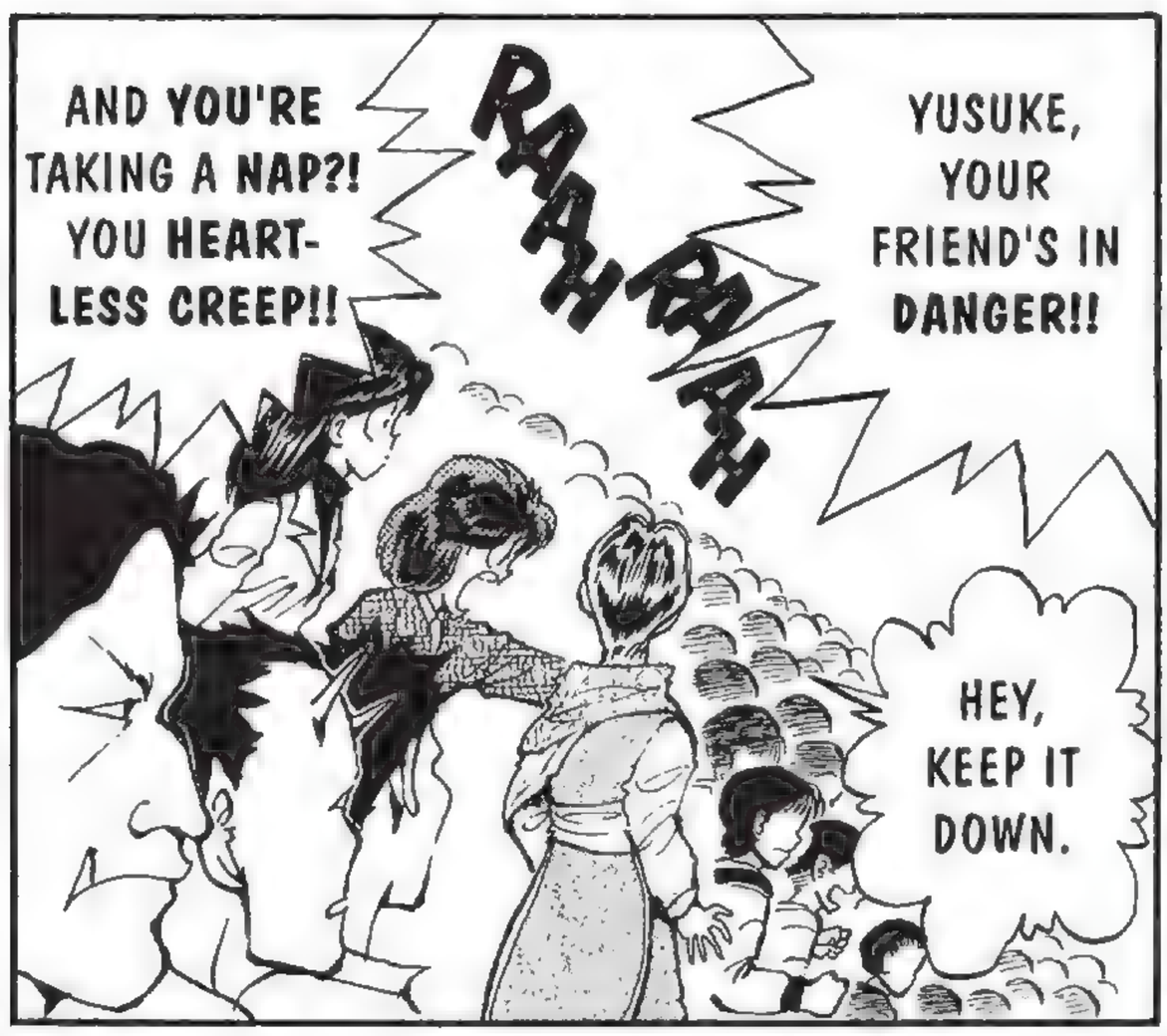
URF!!

WHIP 'IM 'ROUND AGAIN!!
BLOOD! WE WANT BLOOD!!
.....
RAAH
RAAH
CAN'T SAY MUCH FOR YOUR COACHING, KURAMA. YOUR STUDENT'S BEEN LAID OUT FLAT.
GURF!
DRAT-TED...
AGH...
...WE HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH YET.
I ADMIT...

AND THIS IS JUST THE FIRST DAY. BETTER WRAP THIS UP.
YOU'RE A TOUGH ONE TO FINISH OFF.
I'LL KILL YOU...!!
...PUNK!
RAAH
THEY'RE CHEERING LIKE MAD! WHO'S WINNING?
RAAH
HEY, THE TOURNAMENT'S STARTED ALREADY!!
KUWA-BARA!
THAT KID'S GOT HIM SOARING LIKE A KITE!!
OH, NO! LOOK!!



THAT'S YUSUKE'S MOM: CLUELESS



HUMANS! SCRAM, YOU! ONLY DEMONS ARE ALLOWED HERE!

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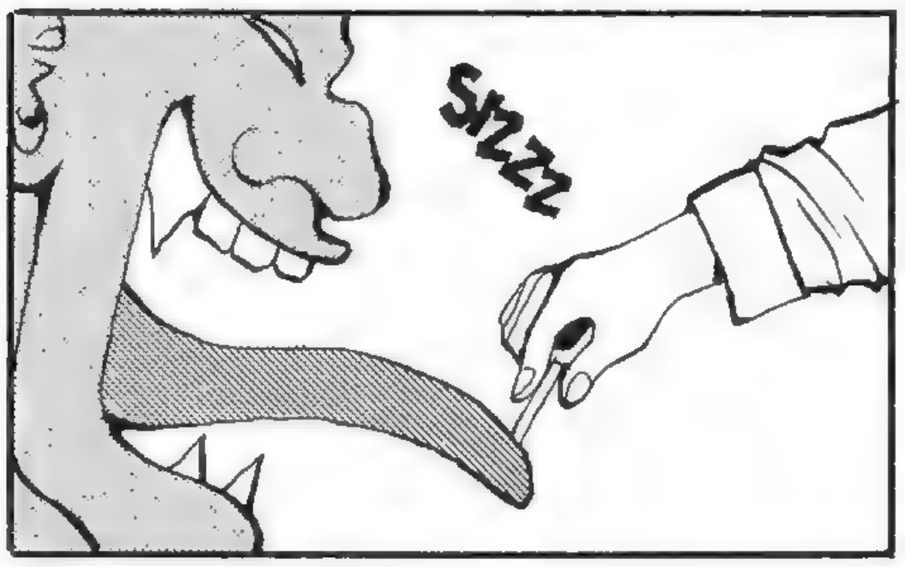
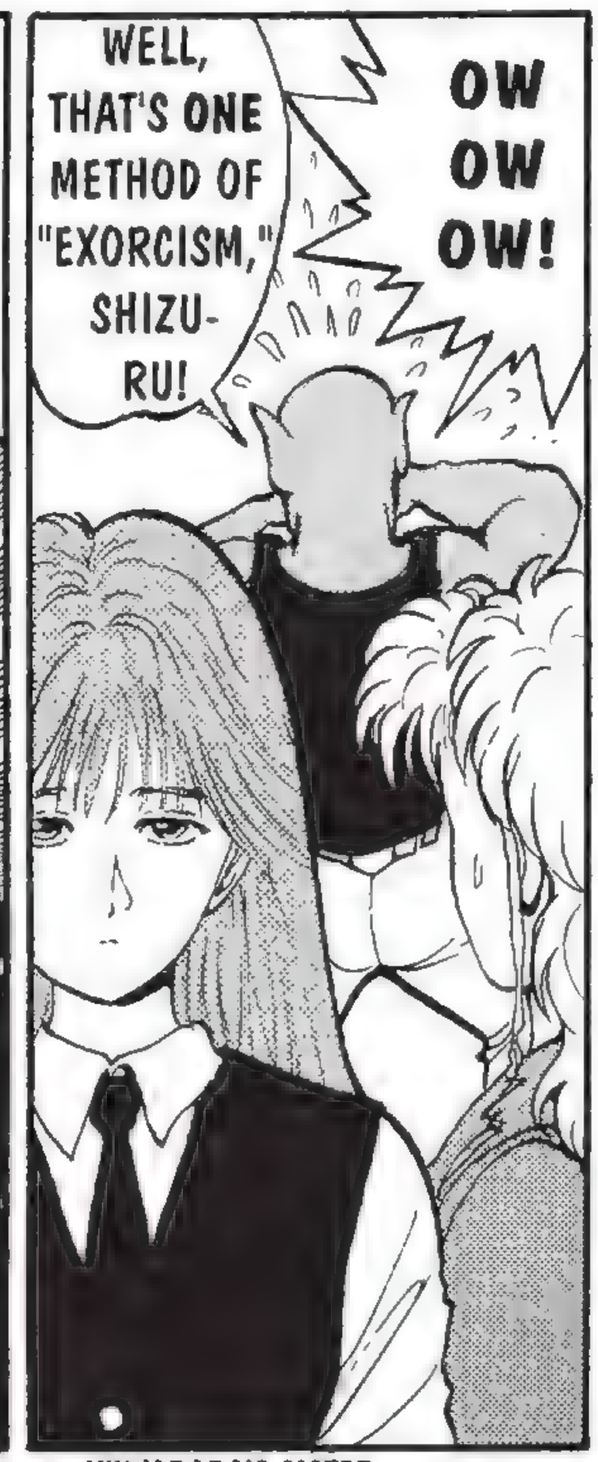
IS THIS URAMESHI'S CHEERING SECTION?





KUWABARA'S SISTER — POWERFUL SIXTH SENSE, THERE.

YOU'LL GO SPLAT— LIKE AN EGG!

LEMME DOWN!

YER DEAD NOW, HUMAN!

DROP HIM! KILL HIM!

THAT SHOULD DO IT.

WHIIIRR

HE'S FALLING!!

SHIBA RAAH!

THIS IS THE END!

SWORD, GROW!!
KA-ZZZAK
NOT YET, IT AIN'T!
!!
HARF!
ZREEEK
HE PLUNGED HIS SWORD INTO THE GROUND TO BREAK HIS FALL AND—
—FLING HIM FOR-WARD!!
SBONG
THUNK!!

YOU'RE DARN CLEVER IN A PINCH.

SWEET MOVE, GUY.

AND THAT JUST **BEGS** FOR A **SALVO** OF YO-YOS RIGHT IN YOUR **FACE!!**

...SENDING YOU **STRAIGHT AT ME!**

...YOUR TRAJECTORY IS...

BUT NOW...

YOU FORGOT!!

I'VE GOT A SECOND SWORD!!

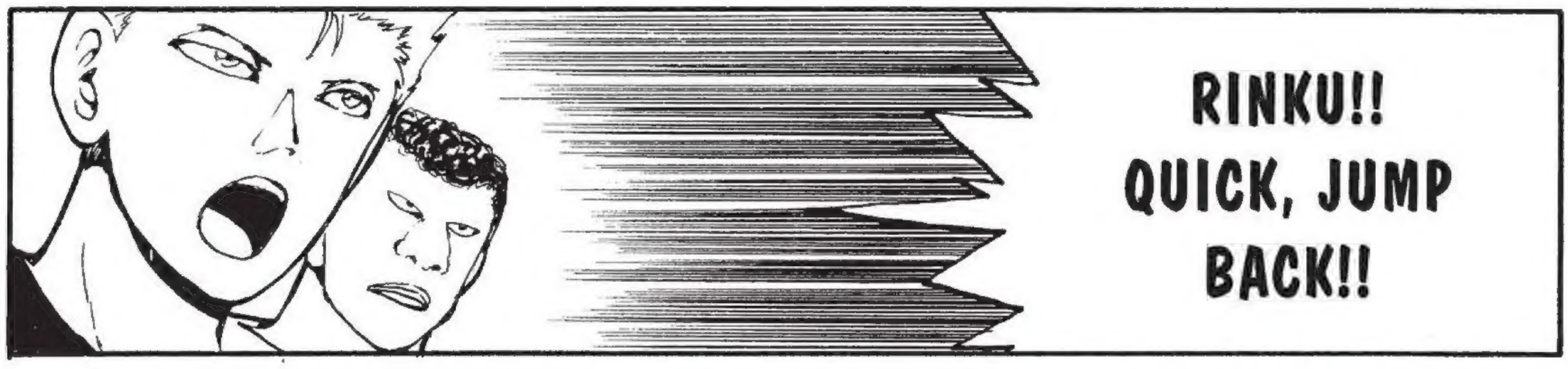
A STRAIGHT SWORD'S **EASY** TO DODGE—

SHIP

SO WHAT?

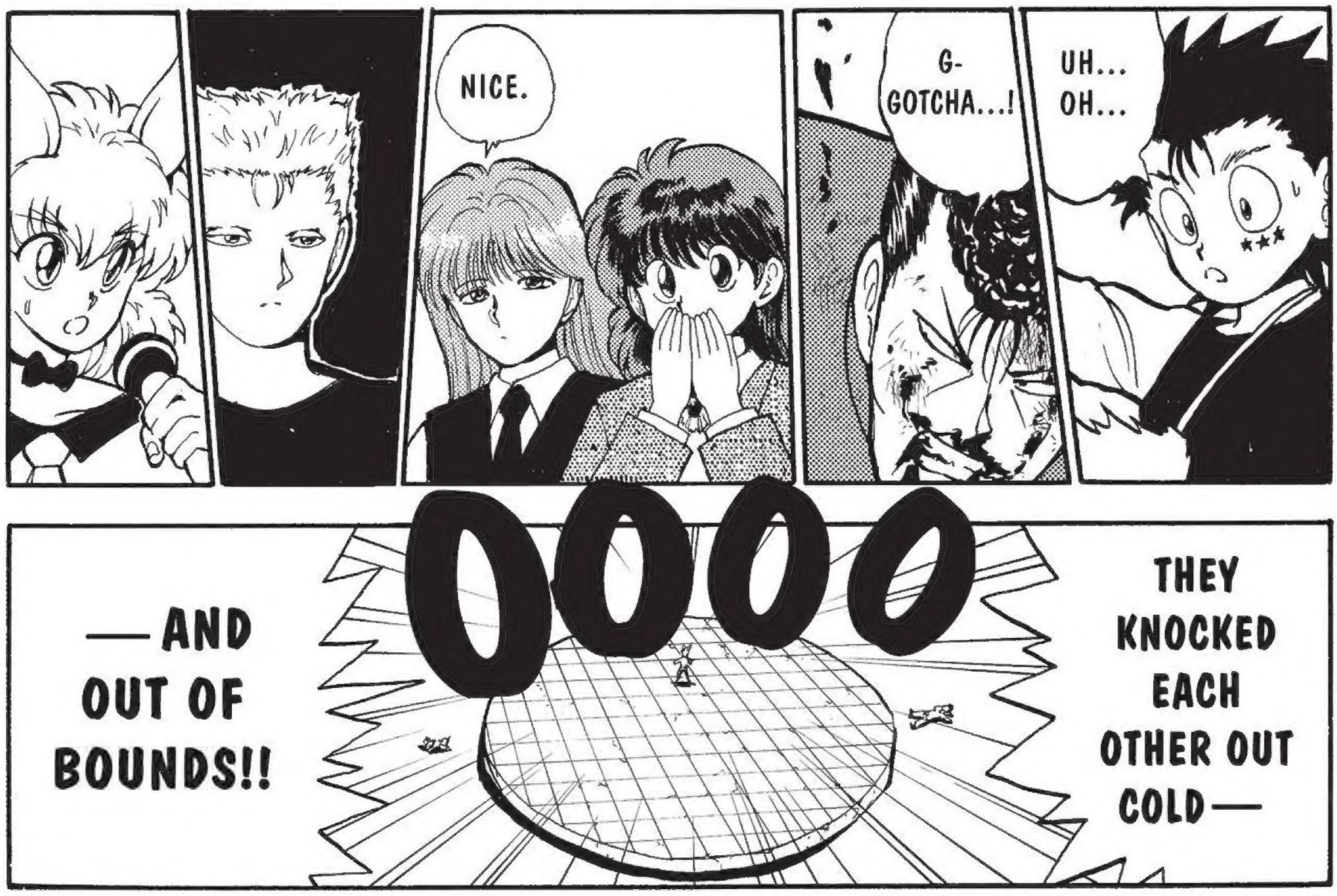
ZWAG
KAIN
WHAT!?!
IT'S THREADING THROUGH THE YO-YO STRINGS?!

...IS HOW KURAMA COACHED ME TO CONTROL MY SWORD — AT WILL!!
HOMING ON YOU THROUGH 'EM, YOU MEAN! JUST AS YOU CONTROL YOUR YO-YOS...


RINKU!! QUICK, JUMP BACK!!

PONDER THIS IN HELL, RUNT!!

WON'T BE ENOUGH!!


NICE.
G-
GOTCHA...!
UH...
OH...
—AND
OUT OF
BOUNDS!!
OOOO
THEY
KNOCKED
EACH
OTHER OUT
COLD—

Sigh...

I can't think of anything...

There goes that idea.